

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Middle East
Arms Race

DESPITE official assurances that Egypt and Israel will avoid provoking border incidents, leading to full-scale hostilities, it is becoming painfully clear that a Middle East arms race is progress.

Egypt, long aware of her military inferiority to Israel, has determined, under the guidance of Premier Nasser, to secure parity, at least as far as war weapons are concerned. To Israel, such a situation is unthinkable. Refusal by either or both sides to listen to reason must inevitably lead to a contest in war preparation, known euphemistically as defence and endanger the entire Middle East.

The situation poses an embarrassing dilemma for the Big Three. Russia, which up till now, has been denied any effective influence in the Middle East, has, through her arms deal with Egypt and her pact with the Yemen, obtained a positive diplomatic foothold and one which the Kremlin will not readily relinquish.

Egypt's arms contracts with Russia and Czechoslovakia have done more than assure her increased military strength: they have encouraged other Arab states to adopt the line that they no longer feel beholden to purchase limited quantities of war material from the Western powers, but are prepared to buy from anybody. The European Communist bloc are willing suppliers, hence the threat cannot be regarded as an empty one.

At stake is the balance of power in the Middle East which the West has endeavoured to sustain by an intricate pattern of diplomatic pacts and alignments, plus strict control of arms supplies. That desirable status quo is now in grave danger of being disturbed by two factors—the ambitions of Colonel Nasser and the new Soviet influence.

The declaration made last week that the United States would give immediate and full aid to any Middle East country which became the victim of aggression may have a sobering effect on those states which are inclined to be belligerently minded. But it is doubtful whether this is a sufficient deterrent. Perhaps more effective would be a Security Council resolution proclaiming that any act leading to a preventive or aggressive war would immediately engage the full military and moral resources of the United Nations Organisation.

Not Alarming

LANCASHIRE can take full marks for its latest invention—a poplin shirt which dries itself and does not require ironing. It will be a real boon to British housewives and will undoubtedly be an attractive export. Undisclosed is its retail price. Whatever its advantages as a utility garment it will still need to be within the purses of Britons at home if it is to achieve what Mr Philip Bell, M.P., claims it will—overcome the effects caused by the import of cheaper cloths from Hongkong and India.

But Hongkong manufacturers are more likely to regard the advent of the novel Lancashire shirt with interest, rather than alarm. Certainly our cotton yarn processors will not be unduly worried by this new competition, for we are aware that at least one factory has orders from Lancashire that will keep its mills going at full rate for the next six months.

'FREE OUR 17 CIVILIANS FIRST'

U.S. Attitude At Geneva
PREREQUISITE TO
PACT WITH PEKING

Geneva, Nov. 8.

An authoritative American source said today there could be no question of an agreement between the United States and Communist China on their relations in the Far East, before the 17 remaining American civilians in Chinese prisons had been repatriated.

He was commenting on widespread reports that the United States and China were nearing agreement on such questions as a renunciation of the use of force and on a meeting between Mr Chou En-lai, Chinese Prime Minister, and Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State.

The source made this statement to Mr Alexis Johnson, Chief American negotiator at the Chinese-United States talks, arrived here by air today from Prague, where he is ambassador. Mr Johnson will discuss the latest state of the protracted talks, begun on August 1, with Mr Dulles.

The next meeting between Mr Johnson and Mr Wang Ping-nan, Chinese delegate, will take place in Geneva on Thursday.

During the last few sessions they have been discussing point two of their agenda—"practical matters at issue between the two sides."

The first point concerned the repatriation of American nationals detained on the Chinese mainland.

CHINA'S VIEWS

Mr Johnson has consistently maintained that while he is prepared to discuss the second point—covering various political and trade questions—he reserves the right to return to the first agenda item.

He says that if the Communists do not implement this item there can be no progress towards any agreement on the second point.

Mr Wang, who is Ambassador to Poland, handed to Mr Johnson on October 27, a document outlining the Communist views on Sino-American relations in the Far East, including the Formosa area.

The document is understood to contain references to a possible Peking Government declaration renouncing the use of force, withdrawal of the United States Seventh Fleet from the Formosa area, and the lifting of the United Nations embargo on the export of strategic goods to Communist China instituted during the Korean war.

Mr Wang's document is also believed to emphasise the need for high level Sino-American talks. At an earlier meeting

Mr Wang suggested that the two negotiators should undertake preparatory work for such a meeting. The Chinese are known to want a conference between Mr Chou and Mr Dulles.

FULL SUPPORT

Mr Wang is reported to have told Mr Johnson that China fully supported the United Nations charter, and that the continued exclusion of the Peking Government would only lead to continued and useless disputes over her actions.

The Chinese delegate is also against any form of trusteeship for Formosa. He said that Formosa is and must remain a part of the Chinese mainland. Mr Wang contends that the Formosa issue has two aspects—international and domestic.

The international one is the tension created by the presence of the United States Seventh Fleet in the Formosa straits and the aid being given to President Chiang Kai-shek by Washington.

The second—the "liberation" of the island—was purely a domestic issue and something to be settled by the Chinese and Formosans themselves.

The document is under study by Mr Johnson and he will have further consultations with Mr Dulles on it before continuing his discussions with Mr Wang on Thursday.—Reuter.

REDS CHARGE:

BALLOON
EXPLOSION
INJURES 8

London, Nov. 8.

Communist Czechoslovakia said today that a "Free Europe" balloon, floated across the Iron Curtain by the West, exploded on Sunday with a fiery blast which injured eight people and demolished a house.

A Prague radio broadcast monitored in London said: "Two balloons carrying slanderous leaflets issued by the so-called 'Free Europe' and sent on to Czechoslovak territory from the German Federal Republic landed in the village of Mengersdorf, Poprad district, on Sunday."

"Twenty-three-year-old M. Konkova took home for inspection one of the balloons, from which the gas had not been extracted."

"Several citizens who also wanted to know what the balloon contained gathered in the room in which Konkova had placed the balloon."

"As a stove had been burning in the room, the gases which had begun to escape from the balloon ignited, causing an explosion which injured and caused burns to eight people, mostly children of from five to 15 years of age, as well as demolishing the house."

"Most of the victims were burned about the face and hands," said the radio.—United Press.

QUEEN'S COUSIN
IS FOUND
UNCONSCIOUS

London, Nov. 8.

Lady Nancy Blair, 37-year-old cousin of the Queen, was found unconscious in a first class sleeping berth half an hour after the night train from Liverpool, Scotland, pulled into Euston Station early today.

Lady Nancy is the twin sister of the Earl of Southampton. Three years ago she was ill from an overdose of sleeping tablets. She has been married twice.

Her first husband was Lance Alingo Burra Robinson, when she was the Hon. Nancy Bowles-Lyon. The marriage was dissolved.

She married John Michael Matheson Blair last year.

Lady Nancy was returning to London from a visit to her uncle, the Duke of Leeds.—United Press.

30 Rebels Killed

Algiers, Nov. 8.

Thirty terrorists were killed and five others were captured in a joint raid carried out by police and security troops near the town of Medonah. It was disclosed today. Police and troops wiped out a terrorist hideout and captured large quantities of firearms, medicines and Communist party leaflets.—France Press.

JUDGE ORDERS
RELEASE OF
THREE FORMER
KOREA PoWs

San Francisco, Nov. 8.

Federal District Judge Louis Goodman today ordered three turncoat PoWs released from Army custody on the strength of yesterday's Supreme Court ruling that they were being held unconstitutionally.

The three men, Lewis Griggs, 22, William Cowart, 22, and Otho Bell, 24, will be freed from the Sixth Army guardhouse at Fort Baker, on the north shore of the Golden Gate, just as soon as their attorneys can rush a copy of the court orders to Army officials.

The three men, members of a group of American PoWs who refused repatriation after the Korean armistice and chose to go to Communist China, have been held in Army custody since they returned to the U.S. last July.

They were sent to Hongkong by the Communists when they changed their minds after about 13 months in China.

PARALLEL CASE

Charged by the Army with collaborating with the enemy while prisoners of war, they were held for court martial under article 3-A of the uniform code of military justice which provided that the Army retained jurisdiction to try civilians for crimes committed during a previous military enlistment.

That was the article that was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in a 6-3 decision involving the parallel case of Air Force Sgt. Robert Toth, who was arrested after his discharge and court-martialed for killing a Korean civilian.

The U.S. High Court ruled, in effect, that once a man is discharged, the military loses control of his destiny forever. Any crimes he may have committed during his former service can only be tried in civil courts.

The Army had given all three men dishonourable discharges after they refused repatriation. In a plea for a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Goodman last Aug. 25, defence attorneys, George T. Davis and Harold Brown charged that their clients were being placed in double jeopardy because they had already been tried in absentia for their offences and sentenced to dishonourable discharge.

NEXT MOVE

They also argued that article 3-A was a violation of their clients' civilian rights to trial by civilian court.

On Oct. 14, Judge Goodman informed the attorneys that he was upholding a ruling on the petition, pending a Supreme Court decision on the then-pending Toth case.

Whether or not the Government will prosecute Cowart, Griggs and Bell in Federal Court on treason charges will be up to the Department of Justice in Washington to decide, U.S. Attorney Lloyd Burke has said.

It was believed the Supreme Court decision and today's action by the district court will open the gates for about 18 other turncoat GIs still in China to return to the United States.—United Press.

Climber Killed

Geneva, Nov. 8.

Eric Cauchat, a Swiss member of the Franco-Swiss Himalayan expedition which climbed the 24,000-foot Gasherbrum Himal was killed after a fall on the descent from the summit, it was learned today.

Stewards In
Brawl
On Empress
Liner

Liverpool, Nov. 8.

Stewards aboard the Canadian Liner Empress of Scotland fought a pitched bottle-throwing, cup-throwing battle today as the ship neared Liverpool.

The fight started in the crew's quarters. More than 500 passengers from Montreal slept through most of the brawl, which spread into the ship's passageways before it ended.

Eye-witnesses aboard the ship said at least 100 crewmen were involved in the free-for-all at one time and at least five were injured.

However, an official statement issued by the Canadian Pacific line after the ship docked said only "about 15 stewards and equippers" were involved. The statement said only two men were injured.

TEDDY BOYS?

Police detectives rushed aboard to investigate when the ship docked. Executives of the shipping line went aboard to hold an independent inquiry, shrouded in secrecy.

It was not known why or how the fight started, but shipping observers said there had been trouble aboard since sailing in and out of Liverpool since a strike by the port last June.

These observers said many crew members aboard some of the ships, including the Empress of Scotland, were young "Teddy boys" and may be the ones fomenting the disturbance.

The observers said the young men often set themselves against older crewmen, who were loyal to the shipping companies.—United Press.

WEST IS SHOCKED
AND ANGERED BY
MOLOTOV SPEECH

Geneva, Nov. 8.

Western diplomats said tonight Mr Molotov's uncompromising refusal to consider German unity except on Communist terms had virtually swept away what was left of the "Geneva spirit."

Some were privately questioning the value of continuing the rest of the Big Four conference, which has still to discuss disarmament and East-West contacts. It is believed, however, that the ministers will probably turn to the other two items on Thursday.

The mood of the conference has clearly changed for the worse and the outlook is bleak for progress on the remaining topics. Western delegates were shocked and angry after Mr Molotov's speech.

STUNNED

None of them had ever really expected him either to agree to reunite Germany through free elections or to accept the Western plan for security guarantees.

What has stunned the Big Three foreign ministers, however, has been Mr Molotov's absolute refusal to enter into detailed discussions of their security plan or to contemplate German unity except on conditions which would, they say, lead to the communisation of the whole of Germany.

Mr Molotov's attitude was made more surprising by the fact that France's Foreign Minister, Mr Andre Marie, speaking for the West, had for the first time mentioned the possibility that a reunited Germany might choose to remain neutral, or even join the East. Europe secretary pact, signed in Warsaw on May 14.

Mr Molotov's statement dampened Western hopes that he had brought back concrete

counter proposals on German reunification after his three-day visit to Moscow, where he met Premier Nikolai Bulganin and the Soviet Communist Party Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev. For reasons which he has already made clear—mainly West Germany's entry into NATO—Mr Molotov is now holding to a position which, from the Western point of view, is far worse than that he adopted at the Berlin conference almost two years ago.

The price he demanded today for German unity supported the widely-held view in the West that Russia has never been willing to reunite Germany even on the basis of its neutralisation.

Mr Molotov again insisted, however, that at the bottom of his refusal to consider the Western plan lay the Communist bloc's fears for its security.

In doing so he no doubt counted on the support of many anti-Communist sections of opinion in Europe which do not share their governments' views on the urgency of reuniting Germany.

UNLESS

The Western powers will wind up the discussion of European security and German unity tomorrow unless Mr Molotov unexpectedly modifies his attitude as a result of Western reaction to his statement today.

They will pin full blame on Russia for the failure of the Big Four conference to achieve the slightest progress towards reuniting Germany and stabilising European peace.—France Press and United Press.

Egyptian
Attack
On Israeli
Troops

Jerusalem, Nov. 8.

Israel said tonight that Egyptian troops had ambushed an Israeli mobile force at noon about 12 miles north of the Gulf of Aqaba in the hitherto quiet area of the port of Elath.

The Egyptians were driven out after a 45-minute battle. Israeli army sources said heavy machine-gun fire forced the Egyptians to withdraw.

(An Egyptian statement in Cairo said four Israeli soldiers were killed and eight wounded and one Egyptian frontier guard was wounded in the clash.)

Reports from Elath said two Egyptian Vampire jets made a "reconnaissance" flight over the area yesterday.

DRIVEN OFF

(Egypt put the clash at Ras El Nakh, about eight miles north of the Gulf of Aqaba and about half a mile inside Egyptian territory. A communiqué said the Israeli force with four armoured cars attacked Egypt's border post and were engaged by frontier corps and national guard volunteers. "Our forces drove the enemy over the border," Egypt stated, adding that Israeli aircraft flew over the area.)

In another incident today an armed Jordanian "bulldozer" blew up a bridge over the settlement of Ein Harod in the Jordan valley of Israel, but caused no casualties, it was announced.

Israel has complained to the United Nations Commission about the Elath clash which occurred at one of the most sensitive points on the border. The meeting place of Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia.—Reuter.

GANGSTER'S WIFE SENT FOR TRIAL

London, Nov. 8.

Margaret Comer, 27-year-old wife of Jack "Spot" Comer, self-styled London gangster king, was today sent for trial with three men accused of conspiring to defeat the course of justice at her husband's recent trial.

Comer was acquitted after a two-day hearing at the Old Bailey on charges of conspiracy to defraud and of wounding a bookmaker, Albert Dimes, in a West End

street fight. Dimes was also freed on a similar charge. The British Government ordered a special inquiry after national newspapers alleged that there had been bribery, perjury and intimidation of witnesses.

The men sent for trial with Mrs Comer were Maria Goldstein, 43, Peter Marquand, 46, and Bernard Schack, 53. They were all remanded in custody pending their appearance at the Old

Bailey on November 15. They pleaded not guilty and reserved their defence.

Today Mr Bernard Perloff, defending solicitor at Jack Spot's trial, said that when the Reverend Basil Andrews made a statement in his office he was satisfied the former person was telling the truth. Andrews, an 88-year-old clergyman, has since admitted accepting bribes to give false evidence.—China Mail Special.

New Move To End
Deadlock In U.N.
Spaak Proposes Compromise Plan

New York, Nov. 8.

The "Spaak Plan" to end a record-breaking deadlock in voting for a Security Council seat was launched in the United Nations today.

The plan is named after its author, the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak. It proposes the rotation of one non-permanent Council seat between countries of east Asia and east Europe.

The need for some sort of a compromise to resolve the contest between the Philippines and Yugoslavia for the seat in question became more apparent than ever after the 21st ballot earlier today had failed to get a two-thirds majority for any candidate.

Nine ballots were taken today. The first was held on October 14. The standing on the 21st ballot was 30 for the Philippines and 27 for Yugoslavia. Last week the Philippines' majority was 32 to 24.

The Council seat now occupied by Turkey has always been held by an east European country. A new two-year term will begin on January 1.

After the inconclusive session this morning, the General Assembly voted a two-week recess in the balloting. Dr Mohammed Fadhl al Jamali of Iraq, who proposed a recess, said he hoped that in the meantime a "happy understanding and solution" could be reached.

The chief U.N. delegate, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., who endorsed the Spaak plan yesterday, said he was glad to support the motion for another recess.

A RECESS

"We think there is a new idea for consideration, which makes it advisable to take another adjournment," he said.

The U.S. delegation feels there was insufficient time for consultation on and consideration of the Spaak idea prior to today's session. A spokesman said that earnest talks among Western delegations would begin at once.

It was emphasised that the talks would be largely among Western delegations. The United States and Britain have been splits on the election issue since from the start, with the United States backing the Philippines and Britain supporting Yugoslavia.—United Press.

Call For Popular
Front In France

Paris, Nov. 8.

The Communist Party chief, M. Maurice Thorez, tonight called for a popular front with the Socialists in the next French elections.

M. Thorez, who has been ill for some time, made his first speech at a public meeting since 1950, when he spoke at a celebration of the 38th anniversary of the Soviet revolution at the Palais des Sports.

"We are ready to get together with the Socialist Party to put into effect a policy of social progress and peace—as well as with other Republicans who are oriented in the same direction," said M. Thorez.

It was likely the Socialists would reject this Communist overture as they have rejected similar appeals in the past.—United Press.

Ike To Speak

Denver, Nov. 8.

President Eisenhower will address the nation briefly on television and radio when he leaves hospital on Friday morning and again when he arrives in Washington in the afternoon.—Reuter.

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London, Nov. 8.

Plantagenet Somerset Fry, a bearded Oxford student who has been doubling his money on a British television programme, quit just in time last night.

Fry, 24, has been given the correct answers since the two-month-old commercial television "Network" launched "Double Your Money" on

American quiz show lines. For £2512, he answered this one in 30 seconds: "In the 17th and 18th centuries France was ruled by a monarch known by what name? Give the date of his reign and the relationship between them." He was given 20 seconds to decide whether he would try to double the sum. He declined.

checked against a Quizmaster Hugh Green read the question anyway. "What are the dates of the reigns of Elizabeth I, Ramonilles, Oudacarde, and Makolaguet, and the names of the French commanders who fought in them against the Duke of Marlborough?" Law student Fry said he was glad he stopped in time. He did not know.—United Press.

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Behind-The-Scenes Battle In UN ARABS AGAINST REMOVAL OF ALGERIAN QUESTION

United Nations, Nov. 8.

A powerful behind-the-scenes battle developed in the United Nations today over the Latin American effort to delete the Algerian item from the UN agenda and end France's walkout from the General Assembly.

The Arab states, under the leadership of the Arab League Secretary-General, Abdel Khalik Hassouna, met again today to discuss strategy in the Algerian case. The Arabs were determined to fight any Assembly attempt to bypass a full-scale Algerian debate in the UN.

Dr. Francisco Urrutia of Colombia was the prime mover behind the effort to delete the Algerian item. But several Latin American states whose votes are the key to the situation were reported to be in deep dispute over the issue. Some of these delegates were actively opposing the effort to delete the Algerian item. On September 30, the item was put on the agenda with 28 votes in favour, 27 against and five abstentions. Six of those in favour were Latin Americans. Informed sources said today it was "likely" Argentina and Costa Rica would abstain on the deletion proposal, thus reducing the Arab-Asian group's strength to 26 votes.



Field-Marshal Montgomery

Super-Carriers Too Vulnerable

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 8. Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Great Britain said today he believes new US super-aircraft carriers would be too vulnerable in nuclear warfare to be of value.

At a news conference here, he called for smaller and faster aircraft carriers.

Field-Marshal Montgomery was here today to confer with Adm. Gerald Wright, Supreme Commander of Allied (NATO) Forces in the Atlantic.

The Field Marshal is Deputy Commander of NATO forces.—United Press.

Ney Rejects Working Union With Hoffmann

Saarbrücken, Nov. 8. The chairman of the Saar Christian Democratic Party, Dr. Hubert Ney, today rejected "for all time" the possibility of a working union with the pro-French Christian People's Party led by ex-Premier Johannes Hoffmann.

In a statement to his pro-German Party delegates, he said the goal of Christian unity in the Saar was not possible through co-operation with Hoffmann and his friends.—United Press.

Arab View

The Arab view was that a proposal to delete the Algerian item would go far beyond a mere procedural move and would raise a threat for all future UN debates. Arab delegates said any such proposal would be met with co-ordinated opposition, in which the Algerian issue would be "fully aired."

Backers of the Latin American effort believed they were assured of at least a one-vote majority to delete the Algerian item. On September 30, the item was put on the agenda with 28 votes in favour, 27 against and five abstentions. Six of those in favour were Latin Americans. Informed sources said today it was "likely" Argentina and Costa Rica would abstain on the deletion proposal, thus reducing the Arab-Asian group's strength to 26 votes.

Offset Loss

At the same time, Paraguay, who abstained on the original vote, was expected to vote now for deletion. Paraguay's vote would offset the loss of the vote of France, who voted against the Algerian item but has since left the Assembly and would not be present to vote on the deletion proposal. That would leave the opponents of an Algerian debate with 27 votes.

These were the unofficial prospects, however, and Latin Americans were quick to point out that discussions going on between several delegations and their foreign offices might change the picture.

United States and British delegation sources disclaimed any knowledge of the Latin American efforts or any participation in the manoeuvring to regain votes. There appeared to be a tendency to regard the question as a Latin American initiative which should be left to Urrutia and his supporters until a definite assessment of the situation could be made.

Whatever the voting prospects may be, a hard battle seemed to be shaping up over the procedural question involved. These were some of the points being raised in corridor negotiations.

Points Raised

1. The Latin Americans plan to invoke Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure stipulating that items may be deleted from the agenda by a simple majority.

2. Opponents contend that the entire section of the rules on this point refers only to the provisional agenda of the UN and that the matter at hand concerns the permanent agenda and a two-thirds majority would be needed to change it.

3. Opponents may also raise the point that the deletion item should be treated as a "reversal" of a decision previously taken, which would require a two-thirds majority for approval.

4. Opponents of the Latin American manoeuvres may also seek to keep the issue out of the General Assembly until the UN Main Political Committee has acted first.—United Press.

Coty Meets Moroccans



The present situation in French Morocco remains one of tension beneath a deceptively calm surface that may be torn at any moment by the tempest of rebellious strife. Recent appointments of the four-member Council of the Moroccan Throne may ease the tension, however. The Council went to Paris last week to get in touch with former Sultan ben Youssef and also to confer with France's President Coty. Picture here shows the President helping 108-year-old Grand Vizir el Mokri pose for newspaper photographers after the conference. —Express Photo.

Hatoyama's Cabinet To Resign

Tokyo, Nov. 9.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Ryutaro Nemoto said on Monday he believed the Hatoyama Cabinet would resign en bloc on November 21, the day before convocation of an extraordinary Diet session.

Mr. Nemoto told visiting Japanese Socialist Party leaders that the extraordinary session will be convened for the nomination of a new prime minister.

The resignation and extra session result from the proposed merger of the two conservative parties in Japan—the Democrats and Liberals. But both have so far made little progress to end their dispute over who should lead the new group.

The Democrats still stand on keeping Prime Minister Ishiro Hatoyama in office and Liberal Party president Tokutomi Ogata as vice-president of the new Party.

SUCCESSFUL SITDOWN STRIKE

Newport News, Va., Nov. 8. Ten British seamen returned happily to work this evening after successfully staging a sitdown strike until their ship's plumbing facilities were repaired.

The men left the as Queen Eleanor yesterday and refused to sail the ship until something was done about what they called the "horrible plumbing conditions."

The men told the British Consul, Mr. R. L. Cook, in Norfolk that they had two wash basins for the entire deck crew, no hot water for shaving and no running water of any kind.

The captain, with his ship loaded with coal and ready to sail for England, ordered plumbers aboard today. The plumbers worked all day and the men came back this evening.—United Press.

"Cooling-off"

But the Liberals just as firmly support an open election of the new party president—and many of them back Mr. Hatoyama's arch rival, old fox and former Premier Shigeru Yoshida.

Yesterday the four leaders of the two conservative parties agreed to call a "cooling-off" period for a few days. At a heated meeting both sides tried to iron out differences, but reached no conclusion.

However, negotiators acknowledged that the new Party will be inaugurated on November 15, as scheduled, and the Democrats decided they will dissolve the Party on November 14.—United Press.

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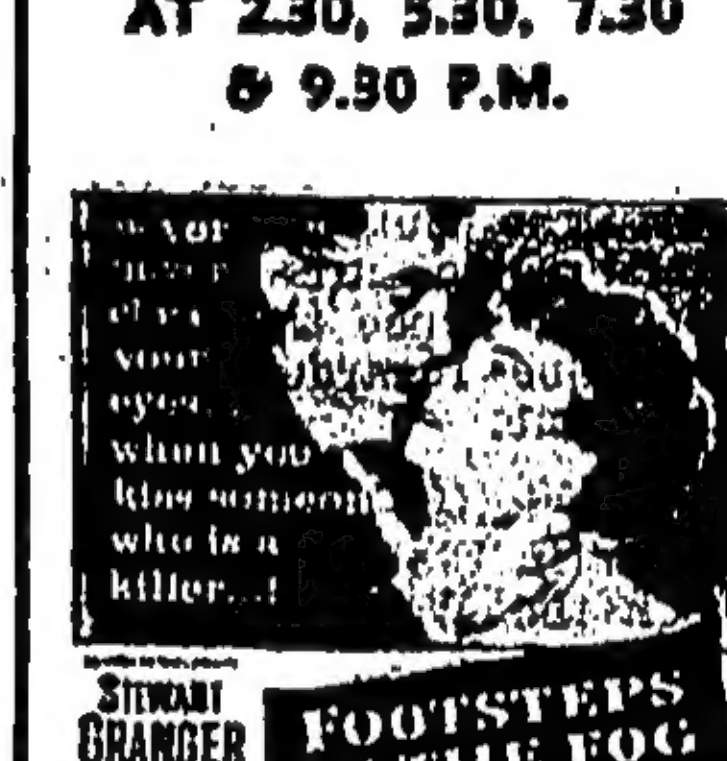
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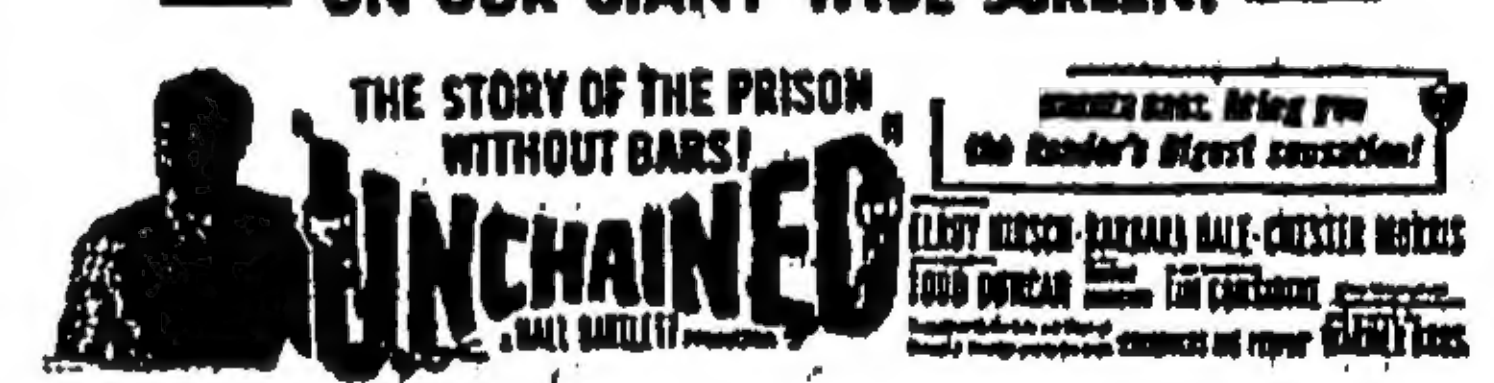
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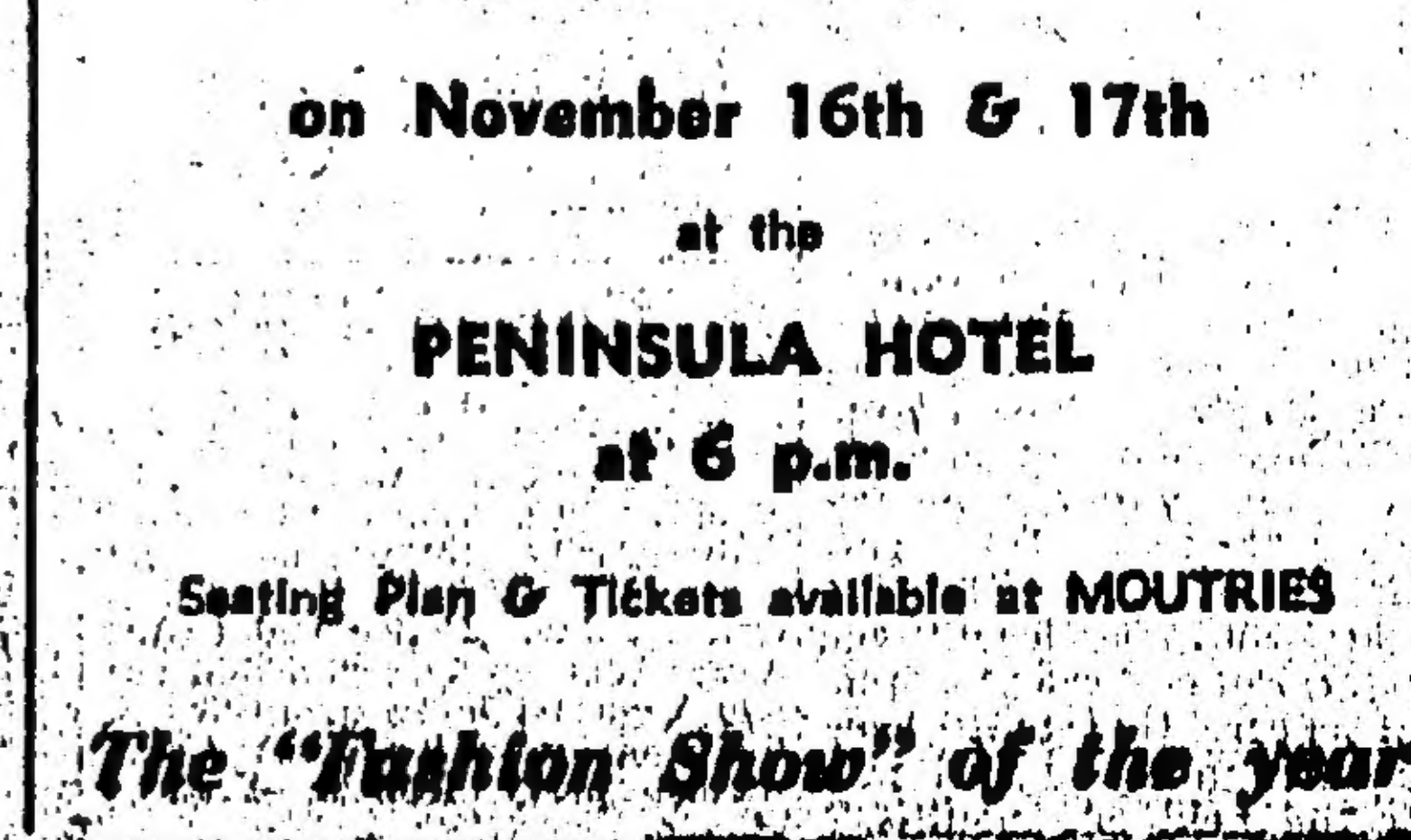
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Israel Prepares Shopping List

Jerusalem, Nov. 8. Israel Ministry of Defence officials are busy completing a list of arms for which Israel will ask the United States by the end of this week, government sources said here today.

During his forthcoming visit to Washington Mr Moshe Sharett, Israeli Foreign Minister, is expected to renew with American officials the talks he started in Paris and Geneva with Mr John Foster Dulles, American Secretary of State.

Major-General E. I. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organisation in Palestine, is due this week to start negotiations on his plan for solving the crisis over the El Auja demilitarised zone, scene of recent incidents between Israeli and Egyptian troops.

He will meet Israeli foreign ministry officials tomorrow leaving by air for Cairo on Thursday for talks with Egyptian officials.—Reuter.

MAIN OBJECT TO PREVENT MORE RED ARMS DEALS

Washington, Nov. 8.

United States Middle East policy, as reflected in conversations with American officials, remains one of active fostering of good relations with Egypt despite the Nasser government's purchase of arms from Czechoslovakia.

There is no evident support in American official circles for the Israeli report that the State Department's Middle East section is split into two schools of thought, with one arguing that Egypt already is lost to neutralism if not worse and that US efforts should be turned away from Egypt and toward strengthening relations with Israel.

The Israeli report further says that this school of thought within the State Department is opposed by another segment of official opinion, which is in favour of "appeasing" Cairo even to the extent of financing the gigantic dam project near Aswan on the Nile.

While normal State Department comment on this report is not available, officials privately described it as a product of wishful thinking. They said they knew of no important school of thought within the State Department that had given serious thought at any time to letting the Nasser government go down the drain or into Moscow's arms.

Reasoning

Observers in Washington reasoned as follows:

★ Washington's aim now is clearly one of preventing the "one-shot" Communist arms deal from being repeated by Egypt or copied by other Arab nations.

★ Whatever hope Washington may have of succeeding in this localising diplomacy, a policy of writing off Egypt and stalling everything on Israel would hardly seem to be the best way of going about it.

★ Since the "localising" policy is being rejected by everything American diplomats abroad and officials here do and say, it appears to have been the result of a definite top-level decision.

★ It would be most unusual for the State Department to decide on its reaction to the Russian arms gambit in Egypt while the Department itself was suffering from such a profound

split of opinion as the Israeli report would suggest. Informed sources, meanwhile, said that the only important differences of opinion they knew to exist among Middle East policy officials had to do with the specific techniques of preventing the "Soviet infection" in the Middle East from spreading.

Best Relations

All policy officials are agreed, however, in the necessity of maintaining the best possible relations with Egypt, including continuation of economic assistance to Egypt, these sources added.

Initial speculation that the United States may take punitive measures against Egypt—such as cutting off economic aid or unloading US surplus cotton on world markets—was quickly scuttled by qualified spokesmen.

Punitive action, it being said here, would only push Egypt further into the Russian embrace. The real argument going on, according to informed sources, is whether economic assistance to the Middle East region as a whole should be greatly expanded to compete with Russia's economic offers.

Wants Settlement

Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmed Khayrat said arrived in New York today aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth and told reporters that his country wants a "peaceful settlement" of the dispute with Israel.

Said who was accompanied by his wife, will head Egypt's United Nations delegation until the end of the General Assembly in mid-December. He said he left Cairo November 2 and was only in touch with his Government once during his trip to New York.

Asked if he looks forward to a peaceful settlement of the dispute with Israel, Said replied:

"I hope so. It doesn't depend only on us. We are in favour of a peaceful settlement. We are not looking for any aggression at all."

Reporters questioned him about the UN proposal for withdrawal by both Egypt and Israel from the demilitarised El Auja zone and he said: "We are always ready at any moment to withdraw simultaneously with the Israeli forces from the demilitarised zone and this is in accordance with the armistice agreement that we intend to respect."

No Legal Border

A reporter asked what he considers to be the border for Israel at the present time. He replied:

"In fact, there is no legal border for Israel now. The question is to respect the line drawn under the armistice agreement."

Said had no comments on reports that the U.S. is prepared to sell a "significant" quantity of arms to Israel.—United Press.

Korean Envoy To Vietnam Speculation

Seoul, Nov. 8.

Speculation grew today that South Korean President Syngman Rhee will name his diplomatic trouble shooter, Lieut-Gen. Choi Duk Shin, to be the first Korean Ambassador to South Vietnam.

One Government source said French-speaking Choi's name already has been forwarded to Saigon and only Vietnamese approval is needed for formal announcement.

The General was summoned from his First Corps command on Monday for a conference with President Rhee. Lieut-Gen. Choi met acting Foreign Minister Cho Chung Whan.

Speaks French

Gen. Choi, who speaks English and German as well as French, recently toured the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam as President Rhee's personal envoy.

The Republic of Korea was quick to recognise the new Vietnamese Government after Ngo Dinh Diem's recent referendum victory and his establishment of a republic with himself as President.

If Gen. Choi gets the Saigon post, he probably will relinquish an assignment of prime importance to President Rhee.

Gen. Choi has been the Korean President's top behind-the-scenes representative to the Korean-sponsored Asian People's Anti-Communist League since its organisation last year.

Few Experienced

President Rhee has few experienced diplomats to send to Saigon and even fewer who can speak French, a major requirement in the former French colony.

Diplomatic observers in Seoul believe Gen. Choi's assignment to Saigon will emphasise the importance President Rhee places on close relations with Vietnam as an anti-Communist ally.

These observers point out that Gen. Choi is held in high regard by President Rhee and most other Korean leaders.—United Press.

Sino-Japanese Medical Agreement

London, Nov. 8.

An agreement has been signed in Peking between the Chinese Medical Association and the Japanese mission to China, according to the New China News Agency.

It said the Chinese and the Japanese sides will exchange medical experts or professors to conduct research or give lectures in each other's designated hospitals, research institutes or schools from three to six months.

The Chinese Medical Association will invite Japanese medical groups to send people to China first, as a beginning in the exchange of medical experience between the two countries.

The Japanese medical personnel invited to come to China will be paid salaries according to the rate of remuneration they receive in their own country.

The Japanese medical mission will invite, in the nearest future, Chinese medical experts or professors to Japan for research or to give lectures, the agency added.—Reuter.

Peronist MPs Appeal

Buenos Aires, Nov. 8. The 273 pro-Peronist members of Parliament accused of treason appealed today through their lawyers to the Argentine courts to quash the case against them.

They claimed the proceedings against them had no judicial basis.

The Peronist legislators have been accused by a national committee of enquiry, set up by President Eduardo Lonardi of violating the Argentine constitution by voting unconstitutional powers to deposed President Juan Domingo Peron.—France Press.

Ruth Ellis' Last Words—By A Bishop

London, Nov. 9.

THE last words of Ruth Ellis, 28-year-old blonde mother of two children, before she was hanged last July for the murder of her lover, David Blakely, have been uttered again — by a bishop.

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The Right Reverend Joseph de Blank, Bishop of Stepney, London, told members of Christian Action, a non-denominational religious organisation, about an 11th hour visit he made to Mrs Blakely before she went to the gallows.



Britain Displays 1956 Baby Car

NATIONALISTS STILL SEATED IN UN Russian Motion Fails Again

New York, Nov. 8.

The Soviet Union made its customary move to unseat Nationalist China in the United Nations General Assembly and was again defeated.

At a meeting of the Assembly's Credentials Committee, the Soviet delegate, Mr Georgi Zarubin, asked the credentials of the "Kuomintang delegation" to be declared invalid.

The Chairman, Mr Awad Khalid of Iraq, ruled that the Soviet motion was out of order since the Assembly at the outset of its present session had decided not to take up the question of Chinese representation this year.

Mr Zarubin, appealing against the chairman's ruling, said that it was not a question of Chinese representation but merely that the credentials of the "Kuomintang group" be declared invalid.

Mr T. W. Curtis of Australia, supporting the ruling, said that the effect of the Soviet motion would be to exclude the recognised government of China from the UN and therefore could not be entertained in view of the Assembly's previous decision.

Ruling Upheld

Mr Khalid's ruling was upheld by a vote of four in favour (Australia, Colombia, Dominican Republic and United States) to one against (Soviet Union) with one abstention (Indonesia).

Explaining Indonesia's position, Mr Achmad Natanegara, said that the Indonesian delegation could not support the credentials, presented by the Government of Taiwan because it recognised the Chinese Government in Peking.

The report on credentials under consideration was a mere formality. The Soviet delegation, however, has moved upon every possible occasion since 1950—and been defeated—in have Nationalist China's credentials declared invalid.—Reuter.

LOCUST PLAGUE

Tel-Aviv, Nov. 8.

Israeli farmers have been called upon to fight against a swarm of locusts which has settled over the fields of southern Israel and the Negov area.

They were given chemicals for spraying operations against the pest.—France Press.

TWO DIVORCES

Mrs Mature Waited And Waited

Santa Monica, Calif., Nov. 8.

Mrs Dorothy Mature, 35, divorced actor Victor Mature today after testifying she spent most of her time waiting for him to come home.

Mature, 41, was not in court but was represented by his attorney, Jerry Giesler.

Mrs Mature's lawyer said the couple had reached a property settlement which may net her \$500,000 during the next 10 years.

The attorney, Sam Barabas, said the agreement made out of court, was based on Mature's expected earnings.

Mrs Mature testified the actor would not come home for as many as three days at a time. She charged he possessed a "violent temper" and "went into rages in private and public" with the result she had no social engagements during the last year of their marriage.

Hoagy Was Cold And Indifferent

Songwriter Hoagy Carmichael, 55, was divorced today by his wife, Ruth, 41, on charges he was "cold and indifferent" during the last three years of their marriage.

Mrs Carmichael told Superior Court Judge Edward R. Brandt that the songwriter "came and went as he pleased without any explanation."

She testified that his actions led her to a nervous breakdown.

The court awarded her custody of the couple's two sons, Hoagy Jr., 17, and Randy, 16. Mrs Carmichael also was granted \$1,250 monthly alimony.

The Carmichaels were married in New York on March 14, 1936, and separated last November.—United Press.

The 1956 model of the Bond Minicar, said to be the world's cheapest automobile, was put on display in London for the first time last week. This latest addition to the British export market is powered with a two-stroke engine and costs £235 before purchase tax. Picture shows pretty Miss Gay McGregor trying out the model at London's Waldorf Hotel, where the car was displayed.—Express Photo.

Two-Year-Old Gold Coins Among Rarest

London, Nov. 8.

Eight gold coins, struck only two years ago and yet among the rarest in the world, will soon be on display to the public at the Royal Mint in London.

They are two sets of four 22-carat gold coins of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and bear the date of her Coronation.

Although only five sets have been struck, each consisting of the denominations £5 sterling, £2 sterling, £1 sterling and 10 shillings sterling.

Two sets have been presented to the Royal Family, two retained by the Mint and the fifth set has been sent to the British Museum.

Although gold coins have long gone out of circulation in Britain, the Mint still strikes a few sets to mark the reign of each monarch.

The coins bear the same head of the Queen as appears on silver and copper coins in general circulation. On the reverse side, however, they carry the design of St George and the Dragon which has appeared on English gold coins since 1810.—China Mail Special.

US May Lift Farm Price Supports

Rome, Nov. 8.

US Secretary of Agriculture Mr Ezra T. Benson warned today that the protective umbrella thrown over the world's farmers by the American price support programme may be withdrawn.

The statement was made before the biennial meeting of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO). Mr Benson was unable to attend and his statement was read by Earl L. Bu Z, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

"In some nations today," Mr Benson said, "many of us fear that present trends are leading toward quick return attitudes, toward single crop rather than balanced agricultural economies."

"We see new agricultural production springing up in some countries not because it is economically justified, but only because it can come under the umbrella-like protection of the United States price support programme."

Highlights

"Gentlemen, I must assure you that production based on such hope of short-term benefits may sooner or later and its protecting umbrella withdrawn."

Mr Benson made these other highlight points:

1. American surpluses are "like money in the bank. The problem is not their existence but how to distribute them."

2. One aim of the US flexible price support system is to make import controls "less and less necessary" so the United States can be genuinely competitive in world markets.

3. The time is ripe for all nations to join in lowering trade barriers.

4. The challenge in agriculture today is not greater production but distribution.—United Press.

New House Prospects Gloomy

London, Nov. 8.

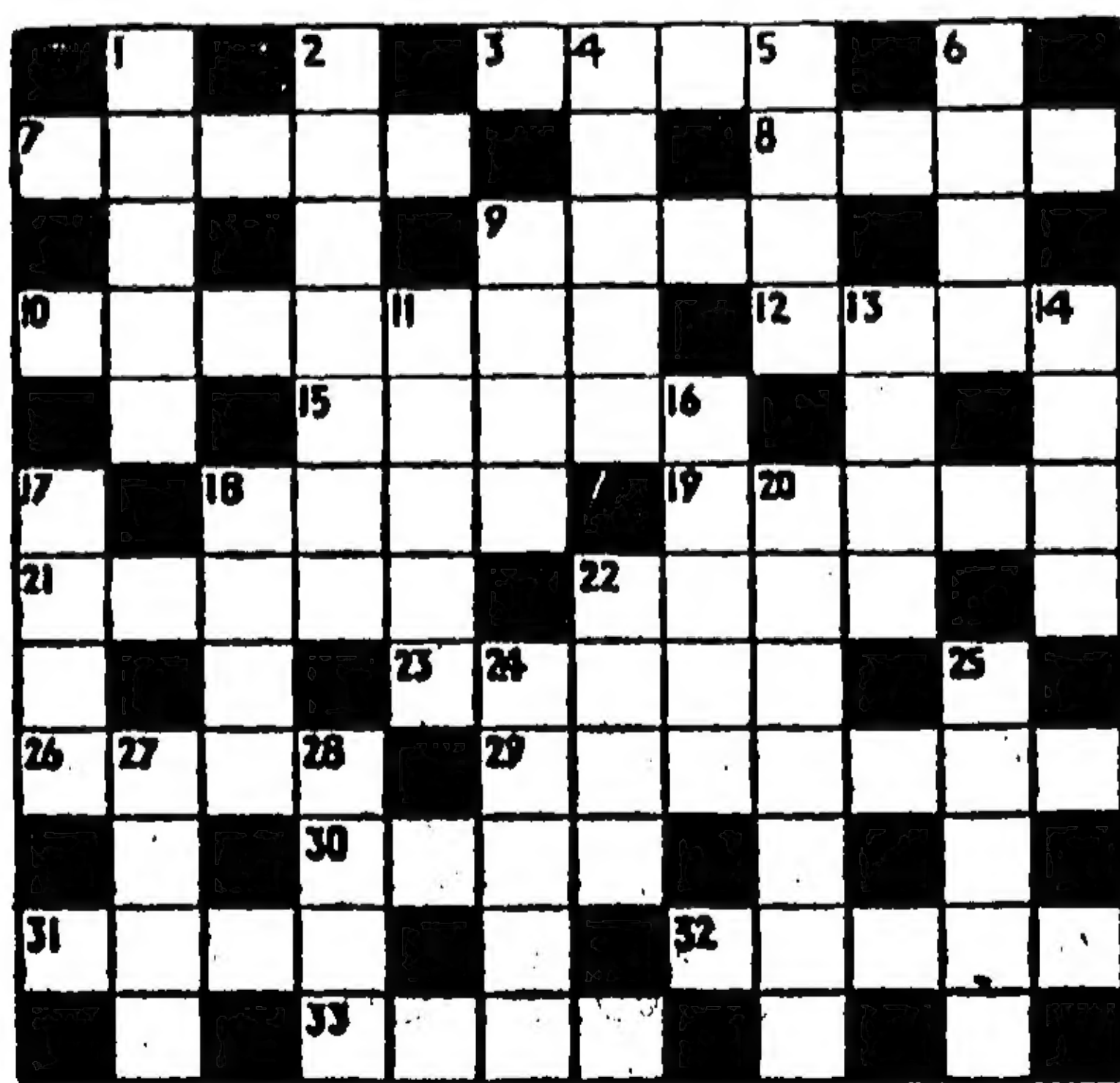
The 160,000 families on the London County Council's waiting list for new houses were told tonight that their prospects were "very gloomy."

At a meeting of the Council's Housing Committee, Mr W. G. Fiske, the chairman, said that not more than 4,000 to 6,000 houses a year will be available to those on the list.

Speaking at a meeting of the LCC, Mr Fiske said: "The chances of the people on the waiting list are diminishing as we undertake more slum clearance and more clearance for the other services of the Council."

Mr Fiske added that 80,000 families on the waiting list were classified "urgent" cases.—China Mail Special.

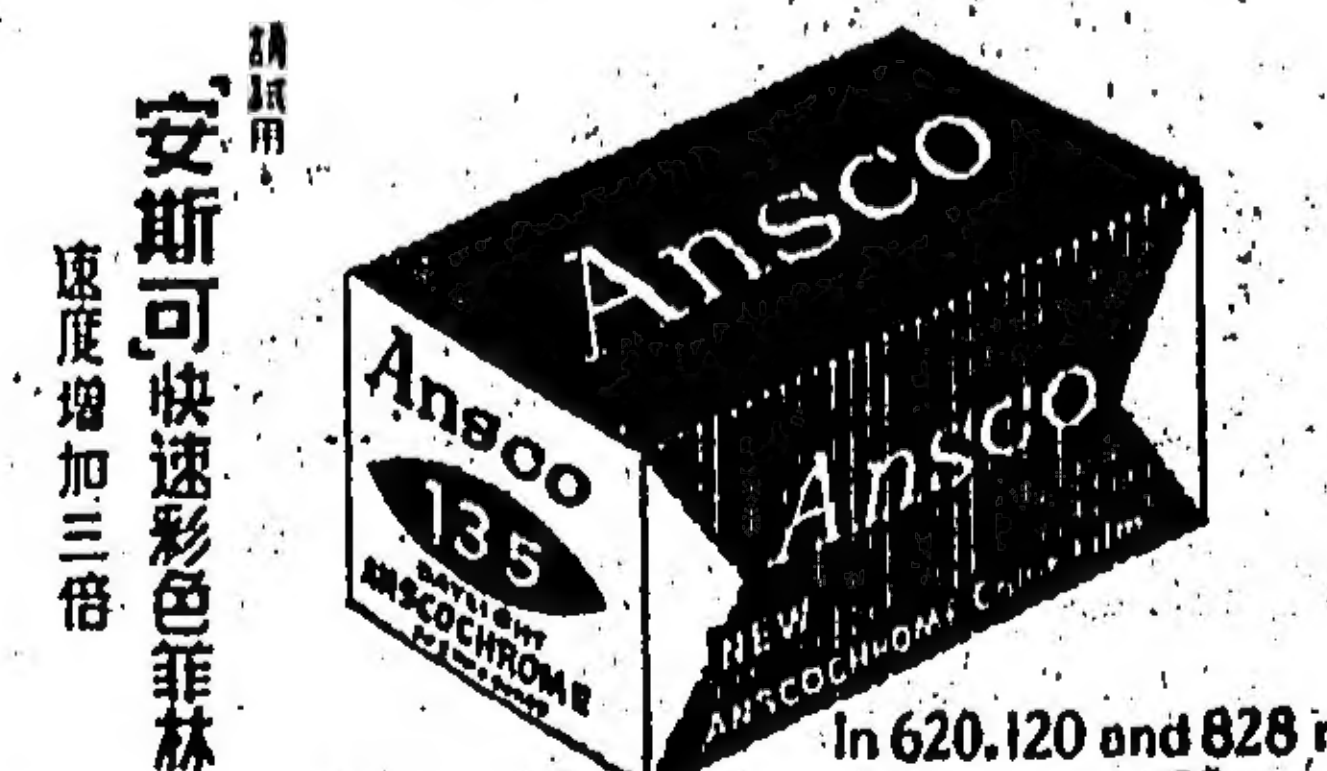
A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Old (4).
 - Applaud with shouts (5).
 - Metal (4).
 - Solitary (4).
 - Stops (7).
 - Trampled (4).
 - Diver (5).
 - Wound (4).
 - Accumulate (5).
 - Wrong (5).
 - Snare (4).
 - Calls to (5).
 - Regretted (4).
 - Fruit course (7).
 - Past (4).
 - Bill of fare (4).
 - Shun (5).
 - Ceremony (4).
- DOWN
- County (5).
 - Iterates (7).
 - Sheen (5).
 - Prescribed food (4).
 - Card game (4).
 - Cheque counterfoil (4).
 - Break up (5).
 - Harvest (4).
 - Hurry (4).
 - Nobleman (5).
 - Retreat (4).
 - Ancestor (4).
 - Bulky (7).
 - Rank (4).
 - Skilled (5).
 - Feature (5).
 - Accustomed (4).
 - Obstinate (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Feasts, 7 Raid, 9 Vague, 10 Adorn, 11 Pets, 13 Coronation, 15 Saga, 16 Rose, 19 Preceding, 22 Spit, 24 Inure, 25 Rogue, 26 Peer, 27 Twenty. Down: 2 Elder, 3 Stern, 4 Starts, 5 Proposed, 6 Pint, 8 Arena, 12 Slang, 19 Cures, 14 Overture, 17 Spine, 18 Attest, 20 Nurse, 21 Lagoon, 24 Pter.

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Nathaniel Goodboms

AMONG the many things written about Portugal because of the visit of President Craveiro Lopes there was a description of the lives of Portuguese peasants who are "always singing and smiling at their work despite a low standard of living."

Another writer says they never have indigestion, thanks to the large quantities of oil used in Portuguese cooking.

He thinks the lack of oil in British diet may make us irritable, work-shy, and stoned-minded.

They cook in oil. In Portugal that's why they sing, that's why they smile. Then, when they are never in trouble, they are never in trouble. With cooking chocolate!

They do not spoil. A vegetable. With salt and water on the table. And would you? Without a sauce. From anything so crude and vile.

In fact, they think we're comic. And even so, don't believe those who won't eat oil. Will soon be horizon-ol.

It's true we never sing or smile. Unless we're full of alcohol. So if our well-known fear of oil is chiefly due to lack of oil. It's only biologicol. That if we cooked our food in oil. We'd soon be working with a will. With merry song and happy smile. Just as they do in Portugal!

Tax hero

Mrs. C. T. H. PLANT, of the Inland Revenue, Staff Federation, has told income-tax collectors that the Board of Inland Revenue will not accept legal liability, except to meet claims for damaged clothing or broken spectacles, if they are assaulted when trying to obtain payment of tax arrears.

"We have had several cases of assault recently," he said. "In one case a debtor laid about a tax collector with a fire extinguisher. Sometimes farmers set dogs on us."

The scene is the breakfast table of Mr. Bloodsucker, the income-tax collector. Anxious Mrs. Bloodsucker is trying to persuade Mr. B. to have another slice of toast.

"Just a teeny weeny bit more, dear. You've hardly touched your egg."

"I don't feel hungry this morning, dear." Are you worrying about that dreadful farmer you're seeing again today?

"Not exactly, worrying, dear. One mustn't let little things like that stop us doing our duty."

"Well, no. He is rather a big egg. They often are, you know."

"Are you worrying about his dogs?"

"Well, no, I'm rather fond of them really."

"After they tore your trousers off?"

"Oh, that was only their fun, dear. Big dogs are sometimes a bit boisterous. Besides, the Board has bought me a new pair of trousers."

"How big are the dogs?"

"Some of them are very big fellows indeed. One is about the size of a pony."

"Is that the one that got you by the throat?"

"Well, his fangs didn't exactly meet in my throat, dear, but he knocked my glasses off."

"And one of the other dogs ate them?"

"Chewed them up, dear. But the Board bought me a new pair."

"Perhaps the Board will buy you a new set of nerves."

"Nerves, dear? There's nothing wrong with my nerves."

"Then why are you putting on your flame Guard tin hat?"

"The farmer says he's going to hit me with a fire extinguisher this morning, dear."

Father Christmas has dangerous job

IT IS NOT only income-tax payers who are putting back at what they consider an injustice.

Behind the next published in a provincial paper that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find elderly men with enough courage to take on the job of being Father Christmas at the big stores, like the attitude of the modern child to the injustice of a commercialised Christmas.

For one thing there is hardly a child over five who believes in Father Christmas, particularly when he is not a jolly, healthy old man with ruddy cheeks but often scowly, thin, and querulous, wearing a shabby red dressing-gown, several sizes too big for him, and a white beard that any baby could see is made of cotton wool.

According to one ex-Santa Claus, who has resigned this year, the child of today not only asks awkward questions but is also highly critical of the toys handed out.

They want to know the age of Father Christmas, where he came from, if he has a wife and children, and, if so, how many children, their names, ages, and colour of their hair and eyes, why he has a brother at the store up the road.

They also ask how he gets down chimneys, particularly in blocks of flats with complicated chimneys, why he isn't jet propelled in a modern aircraft, and where he got the toys.

Last year some children who had read crime comics seemed to think he must have stolen them.

Then there was the little boy who hurled a clockwork engine that wouldn't go at a venerable man in a cotton-wool wig.

Other disappointed children were quick off the mark, and saw the ancient man was holding up a shaking arm to defend himself against a bombardment of jigsaw puzzles that wouldn't fit, trumpets that wouldn't go bang, and dolls that wouldn't say "Mamma."

"Some boys can hurt when they hit you in the face," he told an interviewer. "It isn't worth the money."

The only solution of the problem is to employ Teddy Boys. The children would be amused by their smart answers to any questions, and even more amused when they threatened house detectives with razors while they filled the big pockets of the red dressing-gowns with valuables in the jewellery department.

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SHOP EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

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THE SPIDER IN THE SWIMMING POOL

IN ALL MY YEARS OF REPORTING I'VE NEVER MET A SMOOTHER OPERATOR

CAIRO. A SOLITARY swimmer floated lazy and relaxed in the clear and sparkling water of Gezira Club's swimming pool here in Cairo this morning. As he kicked and splashed the sun caught him and projected his shadow on to the white-tiled floor of the bath. It was a strange and fantastic shadow.

The silhouette of a thick-set torso with legs and arms outstretched and waves rippling away from it in a widening circle looked like the shadow of a giant spider weaving a vast crystal web. As was only too fitting that it should do.

For the stocky barrel-chested little swimmer in tight blue trunks was none other than His Excellency Daniel Semenovitch Solod, the Soviet Ambassador to Cairo.

His Excellency was enjoying his first swim after recovering from ear trouble which had kept him away from the pool since May.

I say the spider shadow is only too fitting because in all my years of political reporting around the world I have never come across a more astute diplomatic spider than this 45-year-old envoy from all the Russias.

And the fact that with his bright, spectacled eyes brimming with an altogether undiplomatic ration of impish curiosity he does not look the least bit like a spider when he is out of the bath just makes him all the more effective at the come-intomyparlour game.

He pounces

CAN you point to some other diplomat with a record of 14 years of patient waiting, patient, painstaking political analysis and quiet self-effacement behind him—combined with the subtlest intrigue—suddenly pouncing and landing a sensational coup like this arms deal between young Ambassador Solod and young dictator Gamal Abdel Nasser?

It is a most sensational coup.

Look what this rather donnish little man—he is no more than 5ft. 6ins.—has achieved.

His arms pact has immensely strengthened the influence of the Left-wingers in the Nasser Cabinet, like up and coming Dr Mohamed Abu Nasser, recently appointed Commerce Minister.

The doctor is anxiously pressing that Egypt should line herself up economically with the Soviet bloc. And politically too.

Solod has struck a formidable psychological blow against the



By Sefton Delmer

Western Foreign Ministers at Geneva. He has badly held their claim to be addressing Molotov from a "position of strength."

For Solod has demonstrated that the Middle East, which only a year ago—when the British were still in Suez—was safely under Western control, is now an area of questionable reliability. That is putting it at its most conservative. By undertaking to supply Nasser with all and more of the tanks, guns, submarines, and jet fighters Egypt has been mainly requesting from the West, Solod has launched a most powerful new cold war drive against us.

His masters in Moscow intend these arms they are sending to Egypt—£50,000,000 worth in the first batch at bargain prices, making them the equivalent of at least £200 million at normal world prices—to light a fire of civil disturbance and war in this area whose peace and security are so essential to the West and Western Europe in particular.

His technique

THOSE Czech arms and Soviet fighters will bolster up the fighting fanaticism of dispossessed Arabs anxious to recover homelands from which they have been driven by Israelis.

They will encourage others to see in the Israeli moves the sign of a new Zionist desire to expand and stop Arab arms, and the intoxicating power they hold will whip up a Holy War fury of counter-attacks.

At the same time the mere prospect of Soviet MIGs delivery here to Egypt and Syria will make Israel's already influential preventive war faction more eager than ever to anticipate their arrival with a preventive blitz now that the potential enemy is still far inferior in equipment.

The beauty of the scheme from the Soviet point of view is that there is no reason why this trouble in the Middle East should not remain confined to the Middle East without involving the Soviet Union itself in war. All that is required is a little subtle diplomacy.

And who could be better trusted to assure this than little Daniel Semenovitch Solod?

I have been unable to discover exactly what circumstances or who induced Solod to exchange his post as ambassador

Syria's Christians. That was Solod's work.

The Communist Party is today, thanks to Ambassador Solod, stronger in Syria than anywhere else in the Middle East outside Israel.

When General Naguib and Colonel Nasser made their revolutionary coup and overthrew Farouk in 1953 Solod was in a new "laboratory."

He was occupying a suite of offices in Moscow's super skyscraper foreign office building as top secret head of the Near Eastern Department.

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In October 1953 Solod and his wife flew out to Cairo to take charge of operations himself.

What is certain, however, is that the habits of the most methodical analysis which made young Solod an outstanding scientist have remained to him as basic characteristics of his diplomatic and political work.

He has sat in his various embassies as though they were research laboratories while he sifted and examined reports from his agents, watched over the progress of experimental political cultures he had planted here and there.

His patience

BUT with all his academic sobriety and patience—you cannot stress sufficiently his patience—he is also a man of political intuition, imagination, and initiative.

The first time I came up with this quality of Solod was in Damascus. To my immense surprise I found that Communist agitators were using the avowedly and sincerely anti-Communist Greek Orthodox Church in Syria and Lebanon as a cover for their activities.

They were cashing in on century-old ties between the Church in Antioch and the Church in Moscow in order to create pro-Soviet cells among

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Doing fine

HERE they have been sitting ever since in the Soviet Embassy, surrounded by a high, impenetrable fence and staff of 19 full-fledged, fully privileged Soviet diplomats.

The only Western enemy is his next-door neighbour, the Papal Nuncio. (Odd this? Not a bit. It fits perfectly with the new Kremlin effort to make friends with the Vatican, perhaps even conclude a concordat and try to oust its pro-American party from power.)

The tentacles of spider Solod are now pushing out to Libya and Saudi Arabia, in both of which young States he is establishing Soviet embassies which will come under his overall command.

For the moment, however, Moscow and Solod are concentrating all their efforts on lighting the fire of war here. And they are doing fine.

Yes, that blissful smile on the face of the bathing spider in Gezira Club pool is well justified.

American Column

NOW A HEATLESS COOKER

From Newell Rogers

New York.

HOUSEWIVES can now buy heatless cooking stoves—price \$1,000, plus three percent purchase tax. Only the food gets hot, not the oven, for the cookers are electronic.

The first electronic stove is put out by the Tappan Stove Company of Mansfield, Ohio. It cooks eggs in 20 seconds, bacon in 75 seconds.

It needs 80 minutes for a 14lb. turkey, but it won't—as yet—turn out a tasty soufflé or angel cake. Engineers are working on that.

The food gets hot due to friction created by the rays as molecules are rearranged. There is a 4,000-watt high-speed electric coil on top of the oven to brown meats, pastries, and casseroles. But no burners on top. All cooking is done in the oven.

Metal pots and pans are no good. Microwaves bounce off them. The electronic housewife will cook in paper, plastic, china or some type of glass.

AVIATION men boast that their new jet liners will be able to fly to London in about five hours. United Airlines, who fly within the U.S., bought 30 of the Douglas DC-8 jets for 175 million dollars. They are to be ready for service by November 1959.

THAT great British picture "The Dam Busters," with Michael Redgrave and Richard Todd, is getting the brush-off treatment in America. The U.S. distributors, Warner Brothers, did not even bother to get it a Broadway opening. They took it over to the King Theatre in Brooklyn.

AIR FORCE Secretary Donald A. Quarles announces that no such thing as a flying saucer has ever appeared in American skies. But he warns that a lot more people are going to imagine they are seeing saucers when some research planes now under development take the air.

IN Henderson County, Kentucky, every citizen who votes in next month's election gets a chance of a 1956 car. Both Republican and Democratic party leaders approve the "give away plan" as a means of getting more voters to the polls.

BAKERIES in Burlington, Iowa (pop. 32,000), pay patrons five cents a loaf to take their bread away. In a price war a normal 20 cent loaf sold for three, two and, one cents, and then was free. Now two shops offer the five cents to anyone who comes in for a free loaf.

TV men estimate that by next summer 40,000,000 U.S. homes will have TV sets on which 100 million people may watch the nominations of Republican and Democratic presidential candidates at party conventions in San Francisco and Chicago.

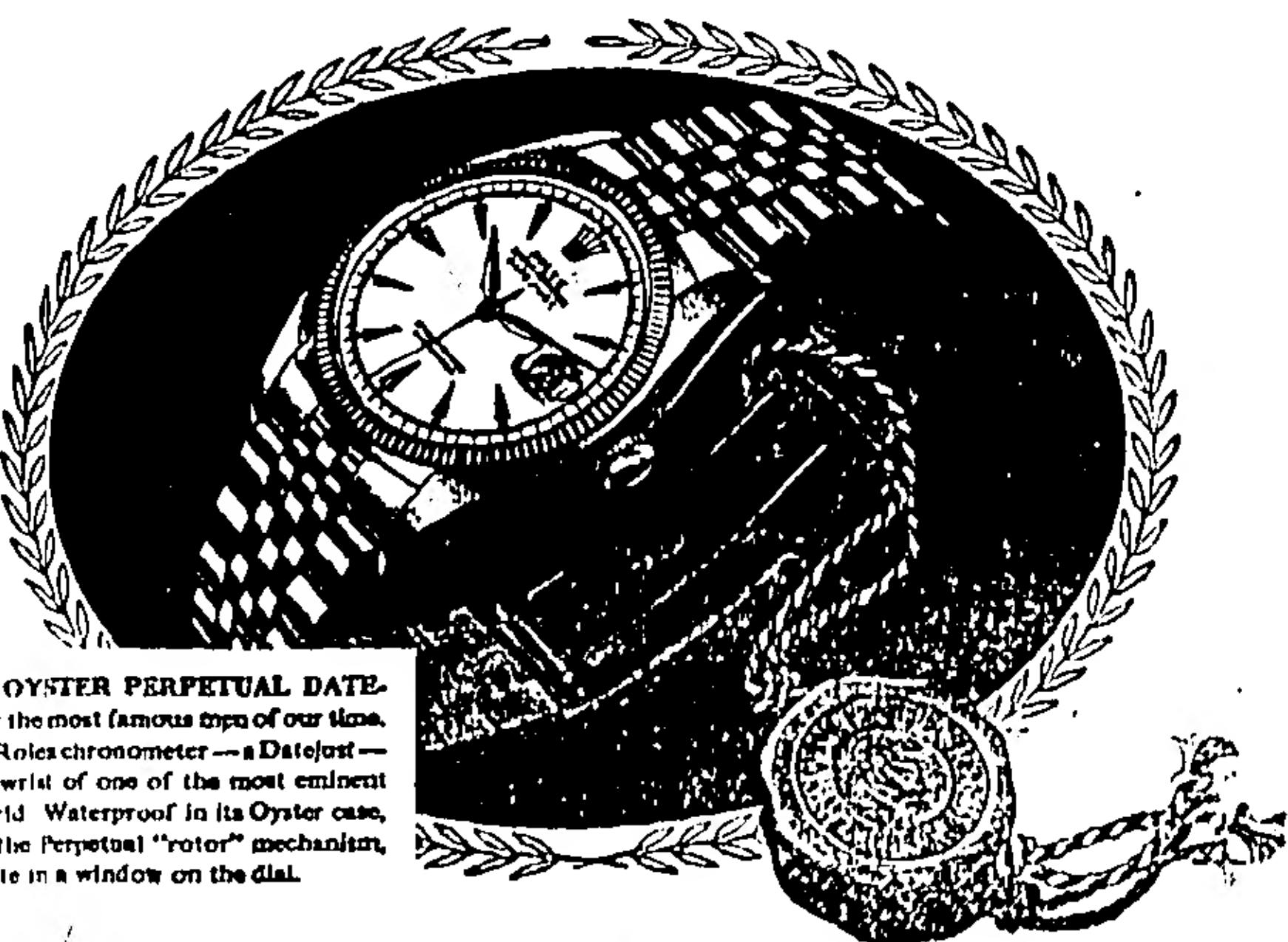
CROONER Frank Sinatra announces that he has signed millionaire heiress Gloria Vanderbilt to star opposite him in his next film. Their names have been linked romantically.

"UNCLE BILLY" ADAMS, aged 110, a former slave freed by President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, has died in hospital at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

BRITISH actor William Travers is being screened for a co-starring role in a film of "The Barrets of Wilmore Street."

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EIGHT PRETTY MOROCCAN GIRLS ARE QUAKING

From SYDNEY SMITH

Paris. EIGHT lovely Moroccan girls—and their husbands—are wondering what is going to happen to them when Ben Youssef gets back.

Ben Youssef, the pro-Nationalist Sultan of Morocco, is expected to return soon to the throne.

The eight pretty girls. They are former members of his harem. They refused to go with him into exile in Madagascar two years ago. They did not like flying, they did not believe in Nationalism, and they did not like Ben Youssef. So the 45-year-old handsome Sultan had to go to

Madagascar with only 21 concubines.

Now all Morocco is calling for him, including his former enemies such as the "Old Man" of the Atlas—the Pasha of Marrakech, El Glaoui. The intermediate sultan, 84-year-old Ben Arafa, in Tangier, has already announced his abdication—and named Ben Youssef as his successor.

But the only people who do not feel easier—for Ben Youssef is known as a hard and jealous man—are the eight pretty girls who chose freedom. What happened to them? The French took them in hand and educated them, then tried to marry them off.

There were no takers—until a dowry of £1,000 each, from the Sultan's £2,000,000 capital, was offered.

Then the eight found themselves husbands. But the word is going round that they had better watch out.

The Sultan's return from exile is being hailed as a victory for the Moroccans. He is being installed in a luxury hotel at Beaulieu, near Nice.

And that, say the Nationalists, means that this is just a transient stage—he will soon be back in Morocco.

Crowds in Casablanca have demonstrated for his return. Bearded Moroccan boys galloped through the streets chanting "Ben Youssef, Ben Youssef."

Says FRANK ROSTRON

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SOCCER FOLK UNITE IN SAYING.....

Provide A 'Sub'
For 'Keepers

By DESMOND HACKETT

Blackpool lose goalkeeper George Farm and Preston whip them 6-2. The week before Portsmouth lose goalkeeper Norman Uprichard and take a 6-1 thrashing from Charlton.

These hard luck stories and crazy scoring pieces add up to one commonsense demand: Allow teams to bring on a substitute when the goalkeeper is injured.

It is tough on a team that they should lose a couple of points as well as their goalkeeper. It is tough on the cash customers whichever way you look.

The fans have to sit and watch one team taking a licking because a key man has been crippled. And there is not much joy in a victory that is rather like taking pennies from a blind man's tin can.

It wrecks the game, it keeps the clients dissatisfied, and by

the twin towers of Wembley we are having enough trouble with the paying population these days.

SUBSTITUTES

I am completely against any wholesale scheme of substitutes. I have seen this turned into a calculated system of cheating by too many foreign clubs. But nobody is going to take an injury to the goalkeeper.

I have conducted a Hackett poll among the managers and almost all are in favour with a hearty "Aye".

Jimmy Seed of Charlton, who were on the winning end when Portsmouth lost their goalkeeper, gave an immediate: "Certainly there should be substitutes for goalkeepers."

"We like to win, but we like to think that both sides have had a square deal. Any team that loses a key man like a goalkeeper is not having a fair deal."

The voice of Blackpool—Joe Smith: "Against substitutes in general, but I am all for substitutes for goalkeepers. The injury to Farm made our game a farce."

Manchester United manager Matt Busby sums up: "I have always been in favour of substitutes and particularly in the case of goalkeepers. The public pay to see 11 a side and we should make certain they get their money's worth."

THE SNAG

The snag in the scheme of substitutes is spotlighted by that old hawk, Stan Cullis of Wolves: "The plan would mean carrying a spare goalkeeper and if there are no injuries when does he get his match practice?"

Fair enough, Mr Cullis, but there could be a role for the job of travelling goalkeeper.

So we hand on this dossier to the football bosses. They follow this system when they travel to foreign parts. They have not made complaints nor have they dug up any snags.

What is good enough for Fritz, Hans, Carlos, Ivan and the other Continental boys should be good enough for the football clients of Britain—London Express Service. (COPYRIGHT)

Why John Charles
Is £40,000-Plus

By Stanley Matthews

What makes John Charles such a great footballer? Why is he quoted in the £40,000-plus class?

I had another on-the-pitch view of him last week-end and, believe me, he is good. I rate him one of the greatest players in the world today.

He has everything... terrific strength, height, speed, and stamina.

His defensive play is almost perfect. He is a very strong tackler and I guess few centre-forwards in the world could get many goals against him. His height makes him commander-in-chief of the goal area.

He also has that rare quality which makes a great defender. He seems to know the move of the opposition and his speed puts him in the right position at the right time to deal with attacks.

ALWAYS READY

But he is not a defensive centre-half. No third-back tactics about big John. Given the slightest opportunity he is away upfield, starting attacking moves and always ready for a crack at goal.

This all-round ability probably encouraged Ratch Carter to try John in the centre-forward berth. He replied by scoring a lot of goals.

I have seen him only once in the attack and he did not have too happy a game. But I would not like to judge him on that one match.

I can say this. If he is a better centre-forward than a centre-half he must be the world's best leader.

John had a grand game for Wales. He is always very clean.

Umpires Meeting

There will be a meeting of Hongkong cricket umpires to be held at the Hongkong Cricket Club at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow. All Club umpires and others interested are cordially invited to attend.



Stand back there, soldier boys... Although this column normally deals only with the goings-on in Army sporting circles I am certain that I shall be expressing the wish of every Army sportsman when I welcome Cpl Bob Ritchie of the Royal Air Force to the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week to accept our congratulations on his magnificent achievement in winning the Macao Grande Prix.

The statistics of his great victory have already been given due and fair publicity, and it remains only for us to say 'Well done, Sir' to the gallant airman.

Even if forced into second place both in the big race and here there are still hearty congratulations to Sgt Doug Steane of the Hongkong Signal Regiment for the brilliant driving that took him into the runner-up position at Macao. His iron nerve and immaculate judgment brought him to the finishing line only a fraction behind the winner.

I think it is a great tribute to the close co-operation and friendly relations that exist between our civil and Service sporting communities that these two young Servicemen should be given an opportunity to show their skill and ability behind the wheels of two of the world's best cars.

SPECIAL CARS

His many friends in Army motoring circles must have been very pleased by the fine show put up at Macao by general Ed Carvalho, last year's winner, who drove his locally built FEMCAR into fifth place against strong opposition from many famous cars.

The FEMCAR has been a regular focal spot for Army enthusiasts, and few special cars in the history of motor racing can have been as open to inspection, and as frequently and freely explained as this one was during the whole course of its construction.

It was well summed up by John Wallace on Radio Hongkong's Sports Cavalcade the other week when he termed the car 'The Colony's worst kept secret'. Ed, of course always referred to it as an experiment, not a secret.

Army cricketers are very much in the news at the present time both by their continued success in the Colony League and in the recent trials that were staged in preparation for the forthcoming visit of the team from Malaya.

Army South still lead the League with a 100 per cent record and, while the uncertainty of cricket is well known, they look good enough to keep their record intact for a bit yet. Army North—whose only defeat was at the hands of the Southern colleagues—are also in grand form and the earlier batting lapses seem to have been overcome.

The Colony selectors met to consider the displays of the various candidates at the end of the game on Monday, and after due deliberation announced the team to represent Hongkong against the visitors in a three-day match on November 26, 27 and 28.

The Army is well represented in the selection and with prolific run-getting batsmen like Withall, Bedson, Lipscombe and Pat Howard Dobson in the team they should also be well represented on the scoreboard.

One surprise is the omission of young Buddy Carnell from the side. The KCC fast bowler was regarded as something of a certainty and with the benefit of his recent experience as a member of the Combined Services side that went to Malaya he looked the man for the job. However, Hongkong is nothing quite so fickle as form in sport, and his 20 overs in the second trial cost him 93 runs without his getting a wicket... and that is not in-ter-est-orm.

No news has yet been received in Hongkong regarding the final arrangements for the proposed Triangular Athletic Meeting at Macao on the 26th and 27th of this month. Our friends are leaving things very late indeed.

I was drawn into a most interesting discussion the other evening regarding the effect of seasonal "cramping" in Colony sport. One of the men in the group gave it as his opinion that one of the greatest obstacles to real progress in sport in Hongkong was the fact that all major field games and activities took place in the same season.

He pointed out the number of sportsmen in other countries who had achieved distinction in one or more games in different seasons and said that with everything going on at the same time it was very difficult to do the same thing in the Colony.

It is true of course that in Hongkong—civilian and Service

AROUND HOLLYWOOD
THEY FORM INDEPENDENT
COMPANIES TO GET A
BETTER SHARE OF PROFITS

Says MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills.

Kent Productions Ltd, Pennybaker Inc, Carlyle Pictures Ltd, Copa Productions Inc and Phoenix Pictures Ltd. Such are the latest of the independent companies formed by stars and their business-managers and/or lawyers for one good reason—to get a better share of the profits of film-making.

I had coffee on the set of Carlyle Ltd, with the President of Kent Ltd, Mr Frank Sinatra, intent, serious, direct about his plans for the next two years.

In the adjoining caravan-office was the boss of Carlyle, Otto Preminger, producer-director of "The Man with the Golden Arm," a grim, shocking story of a couple in the big poker games in Chicago who is a narcotics addict, takes a 'cure' at the Federal Hospital, again takes drugs and manages to cure himself.

"Oh, I know a great deal about guys on hop. I lived in Chicago and I've seen them," said Sinatra, "and before I began this movie, I went out with the Los Angeles Vice and Narcotics Detail."

Will this movie do any good? "Yes, I believe it will. I think that after they see what ravages and destruction narcotics wreak on the human, youngsters won't touch it."

SELF-CURE

Sinatra flipped over pages of the screenplay on the table beside him and read the description of the horrors of the self-cure.

"Kim Novak, who plays my girl friend, has to watch me for three awful days, but she helped me make it," the Voice said. His wife is played by Eleanor Parker who was asking the assistant director when the company would break for lunch as she was about to telephone her husband, Paul Clemens, portrait painter, to meet her at Lucey's, the popular restaurant near Paramount Studios, RKO, and Columbia Pictures. Despite the excellent caucuses at film studios, stars and players like to leave for an hour or so.

TWO GOOD REASONS

The most delightful ninety minutes on television we've en-

joyed in years was "Together With Music" on CBS, the Ford Star Jubilee. Two good reasons—Noel Coward and Mary Martin. Need we say more? They sang. They talked. They were charming.

While he was in Las Vegas, Coward told me of this first of three TV shows he would do, at fabulous fee, but he didn't expect that he would rehearse with Mary Martin in Jamaica and on Broadway. Fact is he began preparing while he was staying in Clifton Webb's home at the bottom of my street. One afternoon when I went to have a drink with Noel, Claudette Colbert, Irene Dunne, David Niven and his wife and a dozen more were listening to him at the piano. Footnote: all risqué songs and patter were barred. TV in the U.S.A. is family entertainment.

There's no doubt that a fine, sensitive and promising actor was lost when James Dean was killed in a car crash recently. I saw "Rebel Without Cause," the last film he completed. It is an effort to explain the juvenile delinquent and puts the blame squarely on parents.

However there are scenes of vicious violence and a cruel incident concerning a chicken which, in my opinion, could have been deleted. However this film will give you some ideas of high-schools, of types, of the way gangs are formed, how they abuse the privilege of driving cars, and how easy it is to kill.

FAIRY TALE

Producer Mike Todd says his AO version of the classic "Around the World in 80 Days" is a fairy tale for adults. The cast is astonishing with stars like Marlene Dietrich, Frank Sinatra, Mae West, George Raft, Joe E. Brown, and Gary Cooper doing single scenes.

"Partners" is the new title for the Martin and Lewis comedy that's shooting in Arizona. Looks as if every effort is made to overcome feuds and antagonism and concentrate on the profits. But Dean Martin, whose wife, Jeanne, and the children, left him, is not a happy pardner.

Did you ever read "Sons and Lovers" by D.H. Lawrence? Well, it will be filmed next summer in England near a colliery town and the countryside around. Montgomery Clift will portray the coal-miner's son, whose life is dominated by his strong-willed mother, (Florence Robson) until he is influenced by two other women. The director—Peter Glenville, who did "The Prisoner" with Alec Guinness.

BOROTRA BOUNDS ON,
ON-AT 57

By FRANK ROSTRON

Jean Borotra, the Bounding Basque of 1930, solemnly announces at the age of 57 that he is giving up Doubles for Singles—at least in the lawn tennis matches between the international clubs of France and Great Britain.

Borotra, lionised by the Queen's Club crowd last week, on his ever-present 40th appearance in the series, made his startling "singles only" pronouncement in the dressing-room at the end of the match on October 29.

Startling because agile veteran Borotra's only concession to the advancing years was a decision two years ago to confine his tennis to the less strenuous Doubles.

Says Borotra: "It is too much to tackle them both. But I can still play a good Single. So my theory is I would be more likely to score a win for my side playing the Fifth Single than the First Double."

French captain Robert Abdoullah later confirmed that next year Jean will play Singles.

AGILITY

Borotra and Jean-Claude Molinari were beaten by American Hamilton Richardson and Geoff Rubin 6-2, 6-3. The old "Bounding Basque," now expectorated, though handicapped by the glare of the indoor court artificial lighting, showed much of his effervescent agility.

What is his elixir of youth? "There's no secret recipe," explains Borotra. "Any man can last the game as I—if he takes care of himself."

"I have never smoked, I take a little wine with meals, I have no dieting law, but I eat selectively. And though I'm an extremely busy man, I always make sure of getting my full sleep."

Borotra, one of the highest-paid executives in France—he is a travelling director in a

Big Clubs May
Share Grounds
To Cut Costs

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Mr Charles Dean, the Fulham chairman, thinks that the rising costs of soccer administration might well end in the big clubs "pairing off" to share a ground.

"With reserve team gates ridiculously low, most clubs are running on the proceeds of one game a fortnight. But the expenses are there every week just the same," he told me.

"I believe that two clubs could, and eventually will, share the big stadiums."

"At Fulham we just got along. But it is a tremendous effort not to sell players like Johnny Haynes, Bedford Jezzard and Bobby Robson, when you are in our financial position."

SAME AMOUNT

Fulham owed Mr John Dean, the late chairman, £18,000 when he died. They will owe the same amount to his son, the present chairman.

In the 10 years between Fulham have never paid any rent for their Craven Cottage ground, which is owned by the Dean family.

Then there is a little matter of a £12,000 bank overdraft. "I certainly won't press them for the rent or the money," said Mr Dean. "The only way they could pay would be to sell players, and that is the last thing I want."

"I feel that we have a good chance of promotion. Then perhaps our fortunes will improve."

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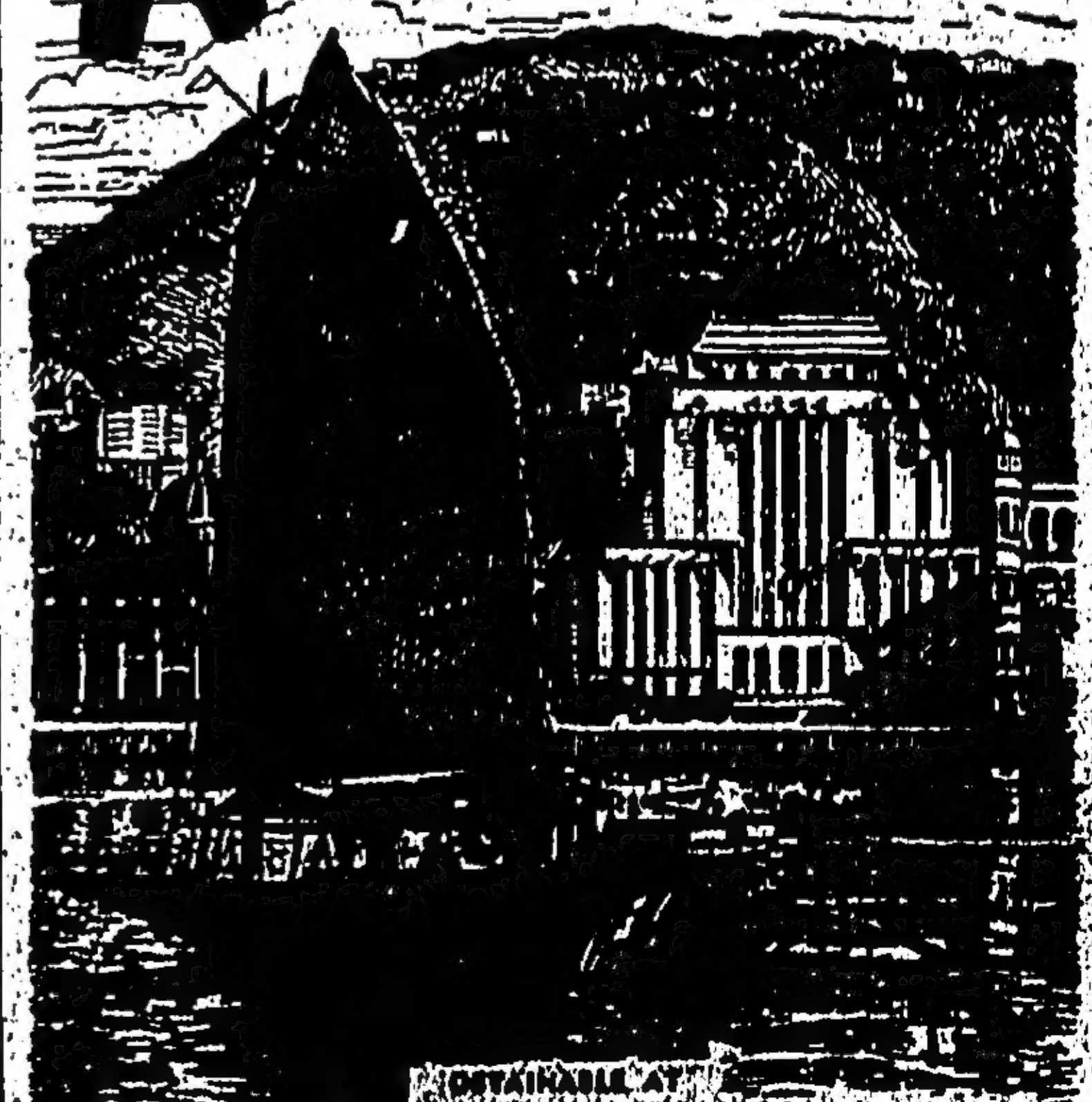
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LONDON LORD MAYOR'S SHOW TODAY

Glittering Spectacle Will Depict Story Of Wool

London, Nov. 8.

Probably for the first time in its long history, London's Lord Mayor's Show will today have as its theme the story of one commodity. It will be the story of wool's associations with the City.

But for the main section of this annual glimpse of civic pomp and pageantry the people of London must, to some extent, thank a horse. For although London's first mayor—Sir Henry Fitz-Ailwyne—was appointed by Richard I in 1189, it was not until 1711, when a Lord Mayor (the "Lord" was added in 1354) was thrown from his horse, that he and his successors possessed a ceremonial coach.

The arrival of the coach, however, did not immediately result in the Show as it is today. In which the great, lumbering, gilted chariot, the work of a carpenter and his brilliant escort of Pikeman and Household Cavalry play such an important part.

The Lord Mayor's Show, with its colourful tableaux is said to date from 1385 when Sir Westbald Dixie, the newly-elected Lord Mayor, staged a pageant in appreciation of the honour the citizens had bestowed on him. Other records say it was a development of the stationary tableaux erected along the route to interest the crowds during their long wait for the arrival of what was then a purely civic procession.

Ancient Reason

There is an ancient reason for this procession. When King John first granted the citizens of London the right to choose their mayor in 1215, he ruled that each new mayor should present himself to the King, or in his absence, to his judges, and swear fealty. This rule is still observed today.

In the early days the Mayor rode or walked to Westminster Hall to take the oath. In 1433, however, Sir John Norman, on the plea of old age, set the fashion of travelling to Westminster by the River Thames. The procession then took the form of gilded barges (Shakespeare noted this with the words "Stand in Temple Gardens and behold London herself abroad.")

This form of show continued for over 400 years, the procession reverting to a land route in 1838. Eighteen years later the journey to Westminster Hall was discontinued, for the High Courts of Justice moved from the Hall to their present location in the Strand.

Like his predecessors in the past 99 years, Alderman Cuthbert Lowell Ackroyd will drive in procession on November 9 to the Law Courts and take the oath there. In so doing he will assume some amazing privileges. He will return through the City as London's first citizen, Chief Magistrate and guardian of the City's rights. He will be entitled to be one of the first to be informed of a Royal birth. Moreover, he can refuse a Sovereign admittance to the City and on admitting him, take precedence over him at all times within the City boundaries.

Why is the theme of this year's Lord Mayor's Show devoted to wool? And what has wool to do with London? To ask the second part of this question nowadays is excusable, for the connection is not readily apparent to everyone. To answer the first, however, Alderman Ackroyd—he will be raised to the rank of baronet during his term of office—is a wool merchant, and this being so, the choice of subject is natural. Even so, this fact goes but a short way to explain the link between wool and London.

Wool's Full Role

To appreciate wool's full role in the life of London—and here London means both the City and the County—one must examine maps of London, printed 250 years ago. A quick glance will suffice, for everywhere, in seemingly unexpected places, can be seen big areas marked "lender ground" (places where wool cloth was stretched). Here is proof of the existence within London at that time of a flourishing wool textile industry. But, of course, production was but one part of the wool activity. There were markets and exports and imports kept the port busy and brought great riches to the City and its wool merchants.

There are many reminders of wool's past in London today. One is the famous, clipped City Sunk, now awaiting a dry permanent dock at Greenwich where she will be preserved for posterity. She was one of many vessels which brought Commonwealth wools to London. Another is Staple Inn, in High Holborn, which is London's oldest and best preserved Tudor building. This was the headquarters of the Company of the Merchants of the Staple.

In the City of London itself, the Woolstaple occupied the site where the Mansion House—the Lord Mayor's official residence—now stands. In the 14th century during the reign of Edward I the Woolstaple was situated there in the churchyard of St Mary Woolchurch Haw.

From early times London has held its place as England's chief trading centre, and for centuries her wealthy merchants exercised great influence on wool and cloth exports—the country's mainstay.

During the 13th and 14th centuries when wool was described as "the flower and strength, the revenue and blood of England." It was vital that this trade should be so organized that the shipment of late spring fleeces and autumn woolskins might proceed as smoothly as possible. To this end the Company of the Merchants of the Staple set up centres in various parts of the country, where wool might be collected for export. These were Staple towns and the Company might be regarded as Britain's first wool marketing board.

Another Association

The City's Lodenhall Market dealt with a considerable traffic in wool and cloth in the days before it became a poultry market, and Smithfield Market, now Britain's biggest meat centre, was once the site of the annual Cloth Fair of St Bartholomew, founded in the early 12th century. Near Guildhall—the City's civic centre and site of the annual Lord Mayor's Banquet—was Blackwell Hall, London's chief market for wool cloth in the 14th century.

Another association with wool is London Bridge, the subject of a centuries-old nursery rhyme. Peter of Colechurch, Chaplain of St Mary Colechurch (Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, was baptised there), built a bridge of elm, and in 1176—13 years before Richard I appointed the first mayor—replaced it with a bridge of stone. Part of the cost was borne by a tax on wool—hence the legend that London Bridge was "built on woolpacks."

Wool's associations with London are so numerous that a full review would fill a book. But

GERMANS ACCEPT RED ENVOY

Bonn, Nov. 8.
The West German Government has informed the Soviet Union that it will approve the appointment of Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin as the first Soviet Ambassador in Bonn. It was disclosed here tonight.

The favourable German attitude has been communicated to the Soviet representatives in Paris, the West German DPA news agency reported.

The agency, citing informed sources, said the West German Ambassador in France, Herr Volfrath von Mallwitz, told the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Sergei Vinogradov at a Soviet Embassy reception last night that his government would create no obstacles to the Zorin appointment.

Herr von Mallwitz told the Soviet envoy the two governments should begin talks soon to make arrangements on the establishment of embassies in Bonn and Moscow. DPA said.

one which must be mentioned is the connection with the greatest Lord Mayor of London; he was the immortal Richard Whittington around whose life there still hangs an air of mystery which, to some extent, substantiates the legend of the young Dick Whittington portrayed in Christmas pantomimes throughout Britain.

A Merger

Whittington, who was Lord Mayor in 1397, 1400, 1409 and 1419, was a mercer and his immense wealth was founded on his trading in wool. He will be portrayed on one of the floats in this year's Lord Mayor's Show and as the legend claims that he received inspiration from the chiming of the bells of St Mary-le-Bow in the City, it is fitting that London's new Lord Mayor is Church Warden of that war-damaged church.

If wool's associations with London in the past were more evident on old maps than they are today it is because London was still a growing City and County in those days with big open spaces and wool was the main commodity for bartering. Wool, nevertheless, is still the wealth of the Commonwealth—it is Britain's biggest dollar-earning commodity—and this year's Lord Mayor's Show will once more focus the public's attention on this great, natural fibre.

Dollars Available For Investment

London, Nov. 8.

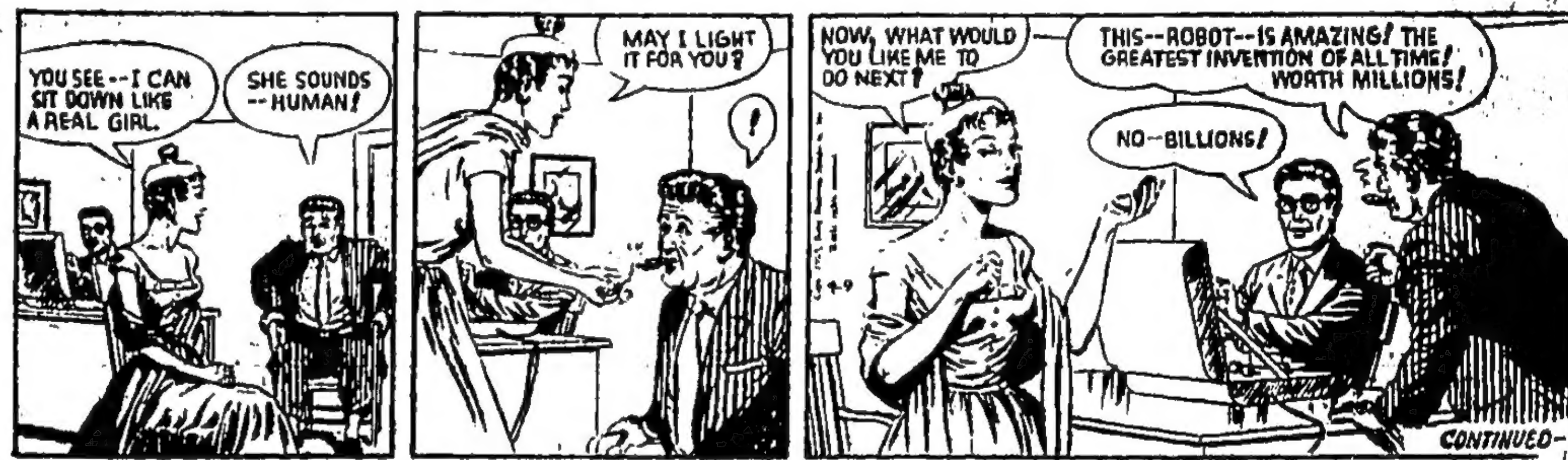
The British government is prepared to make dollars readily available to businessmen for all kinds of investments in Canada and the United States which further Britain's trade, Sir Edward Boyle, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said here today.

He told a press conference called by the Dollar Export Council that government departments would be sympathetic and expenditure of dollars regarded as a high priority if they would increase British exports to the area, increase the supply of raw materials available to British interests, or promise a high yield on invested capital.

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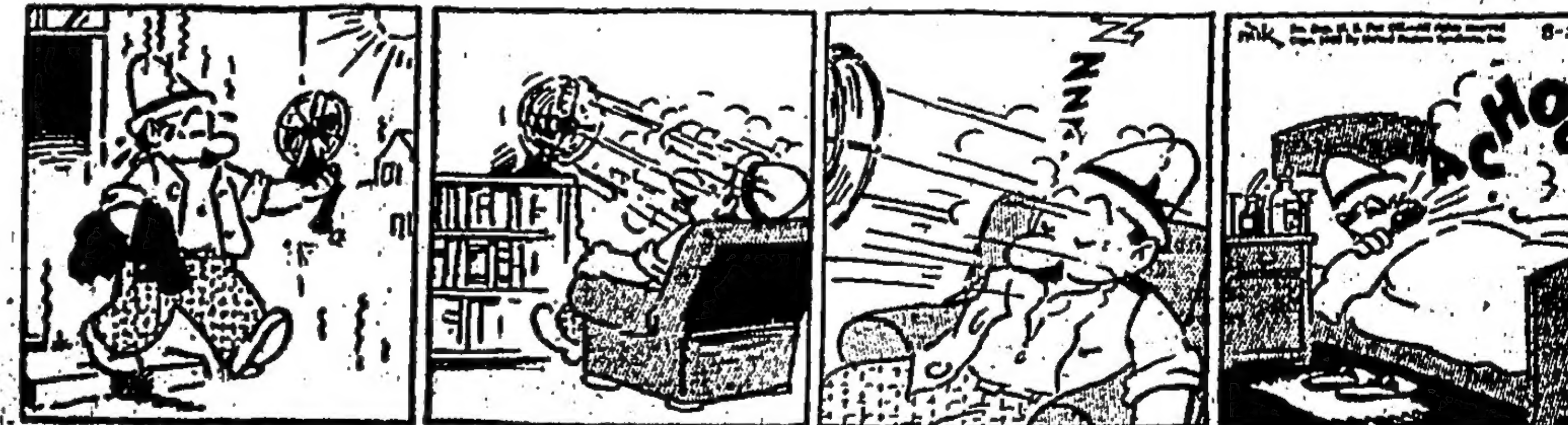
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RUSSIANS INVITED TO BRITAIN

London, Nov. 8.
Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, announced today that invitations had been sent to the two chairmen of the Supreme Soviet for a visit by a Soviet parliamentary delegation to Britain next July.

The invitations were sent by the Speaker of the House of Commons (Mr William S. Morrison); and the Lord Chancellor of the House of Lords.

Witness Functions
The Russians would be the guests of the British Parliament and arrive on July 2. Mr Herbert Morrison, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, urged the Prime Minister to arrange for them to go to the House of Commons gallery to "witness the visible functioning of our parliamentary institutions." Sir Anthony said he had this proposal very much in mind. It would undoubtedly be included in the programme.—Reuters.

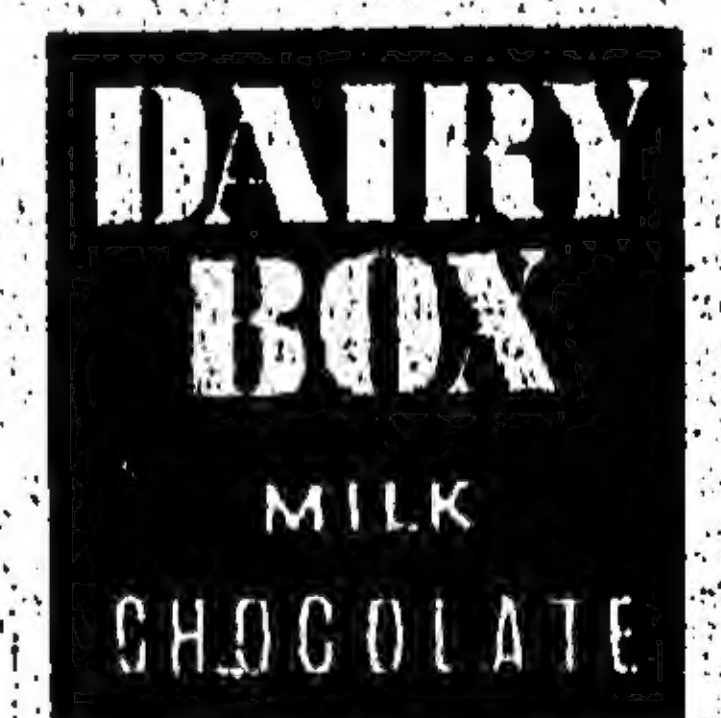
Indonesian Mission To Malaya

Djakarta, Nov. 8.
Indonesia will send an economic mission to Malaya to discuss commercial problems between the two countries, it was disclosed today.

The decision was reached following talks held here today by the visiting Malaya Federation Chief Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, and Indonesian leaders.

Tunku Abdul Rahman, who arrived here yesterday at the head of a goodwill mission, today saw the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Anak Agung Gde Agung, and paid a courtesy call on Premier Burhanuddin Harahap.

Tomorrow, as the guest of President Ahmed Sukarno, he will visit Bogor and Bandung.—France-Press.



TRADE and COMMERCIAL SECTION

Holland's shipyards crammed

with orders
BUT DUTCH OWNERS
ARE WORRIED

Rotterdam, Nov. 8.

Holland's shipyards are crammed with more orders than ever before—and Dutch shipowners are worried by the building boom.

Dutch yards, long famous for their efficient production methods, are almost all fully booked with orders for the next four to five years. But Dutch shipping companies, faced with the urgent task of renewing their own fleets, complain that too many of the ships being built in Holland are for foreign countries.

Holland has now risen to the world's largest ship-building country, after Britain and West Germany. Some 135 ocean-going vessels, totalling more than 540,000 tons, are under construction in Dutch yards this year.

But nearly one quarter of these ships are for foreign companies, and the competition they will later offer to Dutch lines, as well as the space they occupy in yards here, is causing grave concern to domestic shipowners.

18 Countries

Eighteen different countries, ranging from Russia to Persia, have ordered ships from Dutch yards, making Holland the fifth largest ship-building nation in the world. Some of these vessels are being built with help from Holland's Reconstruction Bank, set up after World War II to help the country to get back on its feet.

A recent order for 22 cargo ships placed with Dutch yards by a Greek owner living in London has intensified the worry of Dutch owners. Like many others built in yards here, these ships are to sail under the Panamanian flag.

Spokesmen of Dutch shipping companies claim that owners of these new vessels sailing under foreign flags will benefit from easier tax and working conditions than their own ships.

This would inflict "serious harm" to Dutch lines in the future, one spokesman said. He described the policy of helping yards build foreign ships as "unacceptable" when many new Dutch vessels will shortly have to be built.

Renewal of the Netherlands merchant fleet is the most pressing problem facing Dutch shipping companies at present. The average age of the fleet for ships over 500 tons, has risen to just over 18 years, indicating that many vessels still in service were built before the war.

Average Age

The figure for the passenger fleet, which shows the average age of Dutch liners as more than 17 years, is even more indicative of the need to begin large scale re-equipment.

The Netherlands fleet, which totalled just over 1,800 ships at the beginning of 1955, is already in large part "antiquated" by comparison with those of such competitors as Germany, Sweden and Japan, according to the Royal Netherlands Shipowners' Association.

Large scale replacement of old ships is expected to begin in the next two to three years. But shipping companies are already wondering whether they will find Dutch yards able to take their orders if the building boom continues.

At present, there is no sign of the boom slowing down, especially after a large number of orders for new tankers, many of which will only be delivered in 1960.

300 Yards

Dutch yards are already working at full capacity and crying out for more skilled labour, which they badly need to deal with existing orders.

The 300 yards operating in the country, of which 10 build ocean-going vessels, estimate that they will employ up to 10,000 skilled workers more than the present force of 60,000. Expansion of existing yards or building new ones thus seems inevitable with the present critical labour shortage.

Efforts to attract more labour to the industry have not been matched with great success.

Lancashire
Employment
Down 29,000
In Year

London, Nov. 8.

Mr Harold Wilson (Socialist) asked the Minister of Labour in the House of Commons last week the net number by which employment in the cotton industry has fallen over the last year and last four years, taking the latest month for which figures are available.

Mr Harold Watkinson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour) in the 12 months to the end of September 1955, there was a fall of 29,000 and in the four years to the same date a fall of 60,000.

Mr Wilson: In view of these alarming figures, has the hon. Gentleman made any calculation as to how many more years of this Government will be needed for the cotton industry to die out altogether in this country?

Mr Watkinson: If I may say so, that is the kind of supplementary question which does not help anybody much less the cotton industry. I am trying to give the facts. I agree with the right hon. Gentleman that it is right that the industry and the country should know them, but another fact, which is at least of some consolation, is that my Ministry has found a job in some other industry for practically every man and woman who has been displaced from the cotton industry.

Mr Gerald Nabarro (Conservative): Is it not a fact that any fall in employment in the cotton industry has been more than counterbalanced by increased employment in those industries making man-made fibres? In addition, is it not a fact any unemployment in the cotton industry has been immediately absorbed in other industries in Lancashire?

Mr Watkinson: The fact with which I am concerned is the employment position. As I have said, we are very glad, and am sure the right hon. Gentleman is, that so far every man and woman displaced from the cotton industry who wants another job we have been able to place in some other industry in Lancashire.

Mr J. T. Price (Socialist): Can the Parliamentary Secretary give any idea of the number of native Lancashire workers who have been forced to emigrate to other industries in the Midlands and other parts of the country? Is he aware that in such migration, the position of middle-aged people in their fifties and sixties, whose lives have been invested in the native industry of Lancashire, is not an easy one to solve and cannot be dealt with purely as a matter of statistics?

Mr Watkinson: I quite agree. I cannot answer that question without notice, however, and if the hon. Member puts it down I will do my best to answer it.

Mr Wilson: Do the Parliamentary Secretary's two supplementary answers and the question by the hon. Member for Kidderminster (Mr Nabarro) mean that the only policy that the Government now have for the cotton industry is to stand aside and see it decline so long as they can find work for the displaced workers in other industries?

Mr Watkinson: The question of policy for the cotton industry is not for me but for my right hon. Friend the President of the Board of Trade. I have given the information asked for by the right hon. Member as to the present unemployment position.

LONDON SILVER PRICES
London, Nov. 8.
The price of silver was quoted today at 75½ pence per fine ounce for spot and 76 pence for forward (three months). — United Press.

Plea For Lower
American Tariff
TRADE EXPERT
GIVES VIEWS

By John Marks

New York, Nov. 8.

The United States can help free countries resist Communist aggression by abandoning its "Janus-faced attitude" and by adopting a programme of tariff reduction coupled with aid to industries hurt by increased imports, a newly published study of US economic policy suggests.

The plea for lower tariffs was among the highlights of a study and policy report entitled "American Imports" issued today by the Twentieth Century Fund and the National Planning Association. The study was written by Don D. Humphrey, Professor of Economics at Duke University and international trade expert. The Twentieth Century Fund is an endowed foundation for scientific research and public education on economic and social problems.

Dr Humphrey emphasised that while the United States has a programme of reducing tariffs, it fails to accept the principle that the gains from trade outweigh the damage to its own industries.

"This Janus-faced attitude," he said, "has compromised our trade agreements with the beginning. On one side, it seeks to expand mutually beneficial trade; on the other, it protects that no branch of home industry, however small, will be seriously damaged as a result."

Must Suffer

He emphasised further that some industries must necessarily suffer from imports and that it was important for Americans to accept this eventually.

Dr Humphrey points out that the question of whether imports in any given field will injure American industry depends on how rapidly the market will expand.

"For those dynamic industries which enjoy a growing market," he said, "imports may increase relative to domestic production without creating serious problems. But in the more stagnant industries, where the market is rather inelastic, the increase of imports may damage home industry and require the shift of resources, including the relocation of industry and migration of workers."

Antiquated

Dr Humphrey criticised various "antiquated, cumbersome and ambiguous" customs regulations which he said, hampered imports by costly delays and needless expenses.

"Whatever tariffs may be imposed, nothing can be said in favour of restrictions that create uncertainty and burden foreign trade with unnecessary expense," Dr Humphrey said.

"European producers are appalled at the risk and expense of expanding their American market. They are apprehensive that if a large market were developed, American producers with greater resources would recover it with mass production methods. These problems are sometimes exaggerated in the minds of European exporters. They are deterred from finding out if they can compete with the risk that American tariffs will be raised if they are successful."

He said proponents of free trade "go too far" in implying that all branches of American industry can become strong enough to withstand foreign competition. It is impossible to predict with certainty who would be injured, but it is certain some would suffer, he added.

Vulnerable Industries
Thousands of sugar, henebush, glass, earthenware and china might disappear as much as half of US production. Additionally, wool, certain types of crops, oil, cotton, and other goods would be seriously damaged, according to Dr Humphrey, to include woolens and

American
Markets
Closed

New York, Nov. 8. Brazilian Day, yesterday, was observed as a holiday by a major segment of the financial community although some commodity and securities markets operated as usual.

The New York and American stock exchanges, the Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburgh exchanges were closed. But the Midwest stock exchange in Chicago and the markets in Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and San Francisco operated.

The Chicago Board of Trade and other grain markets were opened. The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges operated and that was trading in the New York wool market and New York potato exchange.

Banks were closed, and there was, therefore, no foreign exchange. Coffee and sugar exchanges and other exchange were closed.

Canadian and European markets operated as usual. — United Press.

WORLD
COTTON
MARKETS

New York, Nov. 8.

Cotton futures today staged a sharp rally in face of another big increase in the government crop estimate.

After an opening bog-down of \$1.50 a bale, the market recovered sharply and ended at \$2.50 a bale from the lows when the government report was issued in mid-morning dealings.

New crop deliveries gave up part of the gain at the close and the market ended at \$2.30 a bale. The list will close next 8 to 32 points higher. The market opened off 21 to 2 points. New Orleans closed up 4 points to 27 points.

The indicated November 1 figure came nearer the high end of the private pre-bureau estimates. But the market action, traders said, suggested the big increase had failed to ease on the crop report, a short covering movement set in, along with a demand from commission houses. Liverpool buyers were accordingly buyers of the nearby market. Technicians said the market had a solid-out appearance on the mid-morning rally.

Another sharp decrease in the indicated stock spurred covering in the nearby months. Cotton available for contract delivery declined to 6,974 bales, a new low for the year.

The current crop estimate indicated an increase of almost 5,000,000 bales to the cotton surplus this season, plus exports, would total around 12,000,000 bales. The carryover last August 1 was 10,000,000 bales.

Trading volume and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Nov.	50,150	50,800
Dec.	20,100	20,800
Jan.	12,000	12,000
Feb.	8,000	8,000
Mar.	5,000	5,000
Total	125,250	1,026,400 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	24.85
Nov.	24.85
Dec.	24.85
Jan.	24.85
Feb.	24.85
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NEW ORLEANS

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LIVERPOOL

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	24.85
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Anglo-Egyptian Trade
Prospects Improve

Cairo, Nov. 8.

Prospects of better trade relations between Britain and Egypt brightened last week after several months of near stagnation.

British firms stated—and diplomats agreed—that they noticed the Egyptian authorities were tending to relax the ban on non-essential imports from abroad, and particularly from Britain.

The authorities are now willing to honour all old licences—suspended for some time—issued for British goods, provided importers prove that the ordered goods were already being manufactured or shipped when the ban was imposed.

Another sign of improved relations is the recent Egyptian agreement with Britain's Sir Alexander Gibb and Company, who will act as consulting engineers for the new Nile Dam south of Aswan.

FINANCIAL NEED

Egypt's reluctance to licence the import of less-essential goods—no matter what the country of origin—stemmed from financial need. Her trade deficit during the first eight months of 1955 was £23,000,000.

Part of this drop in foreign exchange income was caused by the departure of British troops from the Canal Zone, and the consequent loss of an "invisible" export—London Express Service.

WORLD
RUBBER
PRICES

Singapore, Nov. 8.

The rubber market eased on disappointing overseas advice and steadied towards the close on short-covering. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	113-113½
No. 2 rubber per lb.	111½-111½
No. 3 rubber per lb.	111-111½
No. 4 rubber per lb.	111-111½
Spot rubber	109-107
Blanket crepe	112½-115½
No. 1 pale crepe	129½-129½

The market was easy with spot quoted at 32½ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Reg spot	32½-32½
Settlement house term	32½-32½
Dec.	32½-32½
Jan./Mar.	32½-32½
Apr./June	32½-32½
July/Aug.	32½-32½
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
Far East crepe (100 lb.)	35½-35½
Nov.	34½-34½
Dec.	34½-34½
Jan.	34½-34½

London Foreign
Exchange

London, Nov. 8.

New York 2.80½-2.80½/18
Montreal 2.78-2.78/10-2.80
Amsterdam 16.80-16.80½
Frankfurt 17.25-17.25½
Paris 20.00-20.00½
Zurich 12.25-12.25½
Others were unchanged.—United Press.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1955.

SHEAFFERS
Skips

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Willing Witness

IT was late evening and in a street near King's Cross, a woman was being beaten up by a man. One of two people passed by and averted their eyes from the sight. Perhaps they felt that should the incident ever end up in a court of law it would be proved not to have happened, and did not want to be party to an inhumanity.

Others stayed their course for long enough to remark to each other, "Is it you, you think the police would come, wouldn't you?" One witness to the beating actually ran off to look for a policeman. An older, named Sidney, who came late on the scene, decided upon a contribution he could make towards the preservation of order.

A FREE COUNTRY: The man who was beating the woman was arrested. His victim was taken to hospital. One policeman began to take statements. Sidney went up to him. "Tell you what," Sidney said, "there's never any police about when they're wanted."

"Now just a minute," the policeman said, "I'll talk to you when I've heard what this other gentleman has to say."

"I'm entitled to speak, aren't I?" Sidney said with a little heat. "This is a free country, isn't it?"

ABUSE: But Sidney was so clamorous that the policeman could not get on with his interviews. "Listen," he said, "if you don't calm down I'll have to arrest you for obstructing me in my duty."

"I'm obstructing no one," Sidney said indignantly. "This is a free country, isn't it?" the policeman said to him.

At the Clerkenwell court Sidney, a short, middle-aged man, pleaded not guilty to the charge, and the story was told to Mr. Frank Powell.

"Any questions?" the magistrate, presently asked.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? "I thought I was being helpful," Sidney said. "I'd like to address you."

He was shown to the witness-box, and took the oath. "I'd just come out of the pictures," he said, "and saw this lady being very badly knocked about. Several people said they'd tried to find a policeman and hadn't been able to."

"When the police did come, and one lady complained, one policeman said, 'What can you expect? I'd just pay better wages you'd get more police. Who wants to work for £7 10s a week?'"

"MY DUTY" "I SAID THAT?" asked the policeman who had arrested Sidney.

"No, not you, one of the others," Sidney snapped. "I've heard on the wireless, witnesses being appealed for, I wanted to be a witness without being appealed for. I was doing my duty. And I had a complaint to make."

"What about?" asked the magistrate.

There being no policeman about, "But policemen don't grow on trees," said the magistrate. "They have to be fetched."

"There should have been one there," said Sidney.

"Well I think you've only yourself to thank for being here," said Mr. Powell. "I shall discharge you absolutely, but it's silly to get excited and then indignant."

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

THE SORRIEST PARLIAMENTARY SESSION EVER

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Nov. 1.

The curtain rang down during the week on a short-lived Federal Parliament that accomplished less and wrangled more than any within memory.

It made history by gaoing two men for breach of privilege; a Minister was accused of being "full of frog"; a member used the protection of Parliament to make charges of corruption against leading State Labour figures and later admitted that he had no proof of his allegations; "rat", "scab", "liar" and "dirty Fascist" becoming ordinary parliamentary terms which reached a head when the Speaker suspended one sitting for 24 hours.

And in the dying hours of the House the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, delivered one of the most brilliant speeches of his political career. It was deadly, searing and cold, each word a word of cold logic, the two-hour diatribe a masterpiece.

How sad, really, that it was all for the verbal assassination of Doc Ewart because of his stand in the Petrov case.

You couldn't help feeling that such brilliancy could have been put to far better use in high affairs of State.

As for the Doc himself, there are ever-gathering signs that his political career is sinking. Not only has he been bested by Menzies in every spar for years, but slowly and surely he is being hounded in tighter grips by his own party.

Almost unprecedented is the demand by back-bench Labour men and officials of the Party to have him provide his policy speech for approval before feeding it to the masses.

Many things aren't helping the "Doc" these days and one of them is the fact that the Communist paper Tribune mentions his name not less than 60 times in a recent issue and in each case in stories of praise.

STRANGE DOINGS No one basks in the sun of our Davis Cup successes more than ourselves but we can't help feeling that there has been considerable strange doings in this Hoad-Rosewall business and that American promoter Jack Kramer has been fed a considerable raw deal.

Jack's unwelcome arrival here last week threw some rather strong lights on the near-professionalism of Rosewall and Hoad.

He revealed—and it has since been admitted—that both Hoad and Rosewall signed documents in U.S. that—subject to their parents' approval—they would accept Kramer's offer to turn professional. This document wasn't signed in the heat of victory down at the courts, but in the cold legal atmosphere of a lawyer's office.

It had all the earmarks of finality too, by the fact that Australia's captain, Harry Hopman, was present at the signing.

One wonders where all this ties up with the agreement that players sign with the Australian Lawn Tennis Association before going abroad that they will not sign any agreement to turn professional before being back in Australia in a month.

Back home the twins turned the offer down—no doubt on the parents' approval clause. Then Kramer, who after all is a businessman, arrives in Australia to find out what the score really is. Told of the arrival, Hoad is reported to have said: "I'll cost Kramer £30,000 and an increased percentage to get me."

IT'S STILL "NO" Kramer, of course, said nonsense. Then followed a series of meetings with Hoad, his parents, with Harry Hopman sitting in on some of them. Finally, in an all-out bid, Kramer meets the anti-£30,000.

Hoad's final answer is: No. So Kramer's gone home. There can be no doubt that he is feeling bitter, but it is very much to his credit that he has said no biting words.

If both young men do intend turning pro, eventually they have taken a mighty gamble. There is no knowing what their form will be like next year and it is reasonable to assume that Kramer will be at the tail end of talent before he comes forward with offers again.

King's Rd Collision A private motor car collided with a tramcar in King's Road at about 7.10 p.m. yesterday. The motor car was extensively damaged, driver of the car left his vehicle and has not yet been located.

Postal Worker Charged Yung Song-wai alias Yeung Song-wai, 32, a postal employee, was arraigned before Mr. Hingling Loo at Central court this morning on a charge of stealing nine letters, the property of the Postmaster-General, from the General Post Office, Hongkong, on November 6, 1955.

Defendant, represented by Mr. F. W. Ko, pleaded not guilty. He was allowed bail of \$500. Hearing was fixed for January 31, 1956 at 2.45 p.m.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Are you sure you're in love with this girl, Johnny? Did you ever see her shopping at a bargain sale?"

POSSESSION OF DRUGS TRIAL

The seizure of a large quantity of opium and pipes in Bay View on September 13, had a sequel before Judge J. Reynolds at the District Court this morning when a 50-year-old tailor, Tse Hon-ping, was charged with possession of dangerous drugs and opium pipes, and permitting a place to be used for the storage of opium.

The pleaded not guilty to the charges. He was represented by Mr. G. S. Stevenson, of Messrs. Deacons.

He was alleged to have possessed 32 lbs. of raw opium, 52.97 lbs. of prepared opium, nine tins of opium and 260 fluid ounces of opium water and nine opium pipes at a hut at Tin Hau Temple Hill, Bay View, on September 13. He was also alleged to have permitted the hut to be used for the unlawful storage of opium.

RAID ON HUT Insp. F. K. Bodie, prosecuting, said that upon a report that a large quantity of opium and pipes had been stored in a hut in Bay View district, Det. Sub Insps. J. McMahon and W. W. Li, together with a party of Police, raided a hut at Tin Hau Temple Hill, at 5.30 a.m. on September 13.

The door was forced open and the defendant was seen trying to escape through a small door at the rear of the hut.

In various parts of the hut occupied by the defendant, nine opium pipes, an opium lamp and opium were discovered. A pit underneath the defendant's bed was found to contain 32 lbs. of raw opium.

The defendant was then arrested and charged. Hearing is continuing.

Sailor And Girl Fined A sailor and his girl friend were each fined \$50 by Mr. J. E. Durling at Central this morning.

The girl, Lee So-mei, 20, pleaded guilty to a charge of using abusive language to a police constable and Able Seaman Norman Kenneth Kennedy, 21, of HMS Tamar, pleaded guilty to wilfully obstructing the Police Constable in the execution of his duty.

The incident occurred on Tuesday afternoon in Gloucester Road near Fenwick Street Pier.

It was stated that a police constable had asked Lee to move away from a pavement. She refused at first and then used abusive language. When the policeman went up to arrest her, Kennedy held the hand of the constable.

BOY INJURED A seven-year-old Chinese boy sustained facial injuries when he was knocked down by a tramcar in an accident which occurred in Hennessy Road near Canal Road West at 3.15 p.m. yesterday.

The boy was treated at Queen Mary Hospital but was not detained.

DEMOCRATS LEAD IN US STATE ELECTIONS

Washington, Nov. 8.

Democrats took substantial leads in three key elections tonight as voters went to the polls in widespread State and local balloting closely watched for hints of what to expect in 1956.

A. B. (Happy) Chandler (Democrat), former Baseball Commissioner and former US Senator, appeared headed for a landslide victory over his Republican opponent in a comeback bid for the Kentucky Governorship.

In Philadelphia, Democratic political veteran Richardson Dilworth took a sizable early lead over Republican newcomer W. Thatcher Longstrech in the city's mayoral race.

In New Jersey, Democrats also took an early lead in their effort to wrest control of the State Legislature away from the Republicans and spark a national trend for next year's presidential election.

A Democratic National Committee spokesman, obviously pleased at the early returns, said he did not expect any official statement from Democratic headquarters tonight.

THE TEST L. Richard Gulyan, spokesman for the Republican National Committee, said both the Philadelphia and Kentucky races were in Democratic strongholds and Republicans did not expect to win either contest.

He noted that Philadelphia's present Democratic Mayor won reelection last time by a 120,000-vote plurality and said the test of today's balloting was not whether the Democrats won there but the size of their plurality.

The Republican spokesman noted that the Republican national chairman, Leonard Hall, yesterday said that today's elections were being fought on purely local issues. He did not think Mr. Hall would make any additional statements before tomorrow.

Other early Democratic gains were registered in Connecticut, where Democrats retained majority seats in Meriden and New Haven and defeated the Republican incumbent in an upset victory in Waterbury.

Socialist Jasper McVey won 12th consecutive term as Mayor of Bridgeport, but by his smallest plurality to date. His Democratic opponent outpolled the Republican candidate almost two to one.

Radio Hongkong H.K.T. 6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00 Lucky Dip-Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 6.25, Students' Union; 6.40, Series of Talks prepared by Radio Australia for Students intending to join schools in the United States; 6.55, What it will cost; 6.59, Weather Report; 7.00, Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 7.10, London Studio Melodies; 7.15, Going to the Movies; 7.20, London Studio Melodies; 7.25, Announcer's Choice presented by H.K.T. 6.30, BBC Jazz Club; 6.40, Delaney and his Band (BBC); 6.45, Time Signal; 6.50, Wednesday Theatre; 6.55, Marriage has been arranged; 6.59, Alfred S. 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